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# from the editor

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When the Halloween ravens make their decorating presence, I always think of our neighbor John. You see, a couple years ago I decorated our home with ravens strategically placed on our banisters, on lampshades, and on other spots of interest. My decorating complete, I answered a tap on our door one evening to find not a raven, but our neighbor John. Extremely agitated, he blurted out that through the window he had seen a huge bird on top of one of our lamps! Finding out that John suffers from ornithophobia (fear of birds), I returned the birds to storage.

Ravens are "nevermore" at our house, but I have even greater ideas this year. Turn to page 90, for our "Flocks, Swarms, Hordes" story to see wonderfully creative ideas for outdoor decor. Giant rats displayed in our yard shouldn't cause problems for John! But please keep the plastic reptiles at your house. I have to confess, I have a terrible case of ophidiophobia (fear of snakes)!

Ann Bewins

Suddenly there came a tapping, as of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.
"Tis some visitor," I muttered,
"tapping at my chamber door."
... Quoth the raven, "Nevermore."

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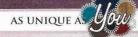




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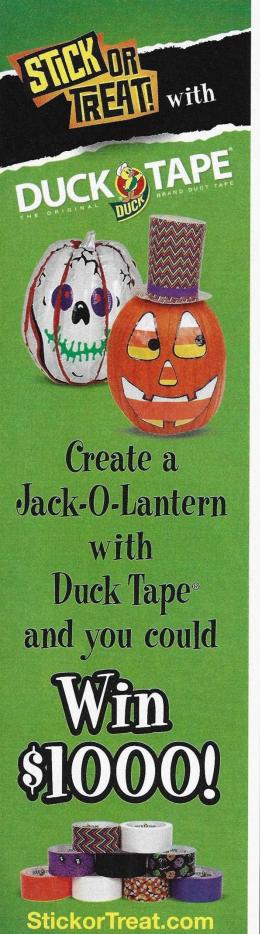


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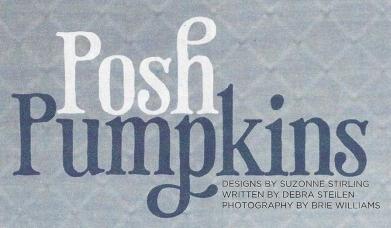






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No guts? You bet! No pumpkin guts, that is. These genius ideas turn no-carve pumpkins into stylish Halloween decor.

#### Sticky Style

Turn plain pumpkins into posh squash using decorative Japanese washi tape. Pinking shears and hole punches create added glam.

#### Sticky Style

#### **MATERIALS**

White pumpkins

Latex paint: black or orange

Paintbrush

Washi tape: black, orange, yellow,

and blue; patterns in regular and

thin widths

Glitter tape: black

Pinking shears

1-inch circle punch

Waxed paper

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Wash and dry pumpkins to help paint adhere. Paint the stems using black or orange latex paint; let dry. Referring to the photo, *below*, wrap pumpkins horizontally or vertically with washi and glitter tapes to create designs.

#### Rickrack-Ridged Pumpkin:

Adhere washi tape to pumpkin, starting at stem and ending at the bottom of the pumpkin. Depending on the look you want, follow the pumpkin's grooves or space the stripes evenly. We alternated orange and black tape patterns.

Cut along both edges of glitter tape using pinking shears to create thin rickrack-look edging. Use the single-

edge rickrack borders along the edges of the decorative washi tape, attaching the straight edge of glitter tape to a straight edge of washi tape. (Use the resulting dual-rickrack-edge tape for another design if desired.)

Polka-Dot Pumpkin: Apply thin blue washi tape around the middle of the pumpkin, overlapping the ends slightly. Cut black glitter tape along both edges using pinking shears to create a rickrack look. (Use the leftover single-edge rickrack edgings for another project if desired.) Starting just below the blue tape, adhere dualsided rickrack edging over the grooves in the pumpkin. Embellish the top half of pumpkin using dual-pattern circles. Make the circles by aligning the edges of two strips of wide washi tape on a piece of waxed paper. Cut circles using a 1-inch circle punch positioned to overlap both patterns. Peel the tape circles from the waxed paper and attach them to the pumpkin.

Bellyband Pumpkin: Attach a thin strip of yellow washi tape around the middle of a pumpkin, overlapping the ends. Cut black glitter tape along both edges using pinking shears to create a rickrack look. Apply rickrack-look tape above and below the yellow strip, overlapping the ends.

Striped Pumpkin: Apply washi tape to the pumpkin using the vertical grooves as guides. We used three types of tape: thin blue tape applied over the grooves and alternating strips of orange- and black-pattern tapes between the grooves.





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Before painting, lightly scuff your pumpkin using fine-grit sandpaper to help paint adhere.

# Stenciled Still Lifes MATERIALS

**Pumpkins** 

Self-adhesive stencils

Small stencil brush

Acrylic crafts paint in desired colors

(we used white, blue, gray, and orange)

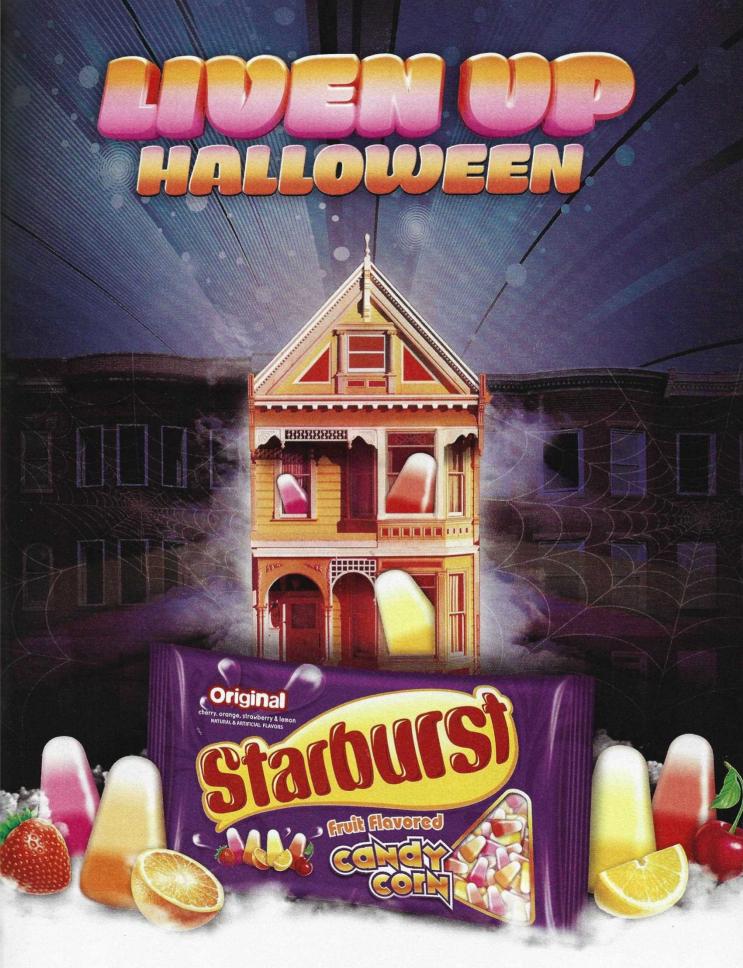
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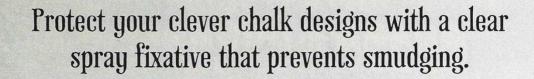
#### INSTRUCTIONS

Wash and dry the pumpkins to help the stencils and paint adhere. Position and adhere the stencils on the pumpkins; press stencil edges firmly to avoid paint bleeding.

Place a small amount of paint in a shallow dish or paper plate. Load one color of paint onto the small stencil brush, then blot the brush on a paper towel to remove the excess. Lightly swirl the stencil brush over the exposed area of a stencil, taking care to stay within the edges of the stencil. Carefully remove the stencil. Clean the paint from the stencil so it's ready to use again. For overlapping designs or to add a second color, let the first paint color dry completely before repositioning the stencil and applying the second paint color.









#### **Chalkboard Beauties**

For pumpkin purists, only black and orange will do. Top black chalkboard paint with orange chalk for a twist on the classic color theme.

#### **Classic Charms**

Get Fright Night fashion in spades with mini brad outlines enhanced with black yarn.

#### Chalkboard Beauties

#### **MATERIALS**

Orange pumpkin
Fine-grit sandpaper (optional)
Black chalkboard paint
Foam brush
Chalk: orange or white

Chalk: orange or white Spray fixative: matte, gloss, or workable (optional)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Wash and dry pumpkin to help paint adhere. Using a foam brush and black chalkboard paint, coat the pumpkin (including the stem); let dry. Apply a second coat of paint; let dry.

For the jack-o'-lantern pumpkin, rub a layer of chalk over the painted pumpkin. Outline the facial features with chalk; fill in with same color.

For the striped pumpkin, rub chalk along the pumpkin ridges, letting the ridges create the design.

For a temporary design, display as is after adding chalk. For a longer-lasting design, use one coat of matte-finish fixative for smudge-proof protection or multiple coats of gloss fixative for a shiny finish. To protect your design as you work, use a workable fixative spray between layers of chalk.

#### Classic Charms

#### MATERIALS

Pumpkin, artificial or hollowed out Awl or thin nail Mini brads

Yarn (we used black)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Use a computer to generate text, numbers, or a graphic image; print on paper. If needed, enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin. Or draw a design on paper. Tape the pattern to the pumpkin; transfer the pattern to the pumpkin by using an awl or nail to poke holes roughly every ½ inch along the design outline. (The curvier the outline, the closer the holes should be to each other.)

Remove the pattern and insert mini brads into the holes, leaving a bit of space for the yarn wraps. Tie yarn around the first brad. Continue around the design, snugly wrapping yarn once around each brad to secure the strand. When the design is outlined in yarn, knot the yarn and cut off any extra.





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#### Drill Team

**MATERIALS** 

Pumpkin, artificial or hollowed out Tracing tool or awl Power drill and bits in various sizes

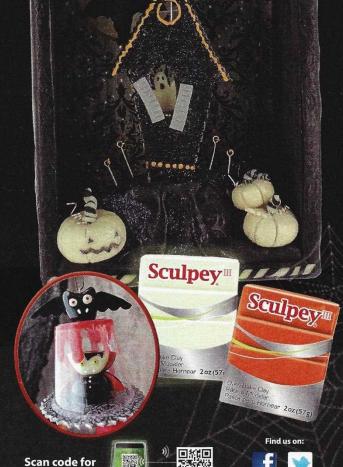
#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Choose a design, and print or draw it on paper. (We chose a scattering of circles; you also could create stripes, diamonds, concentric circles, or simple silhouettes.) If needed, enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit your pumpkin. Tape the pattern to the pumpkin. Transfer the pattern to the pumpkin by using a tracing tool or awl to poke holes along the lines of the pattern. Remove the pattern. Drill small holes along the pattern lines. Use care; too much pressure may break the pumpkin shell. To replicate our design, use a small bit to drill evenly spaced holes around the circumference of each traced circle. Use a slightly larger bit to drill a hole in the center of each circle.

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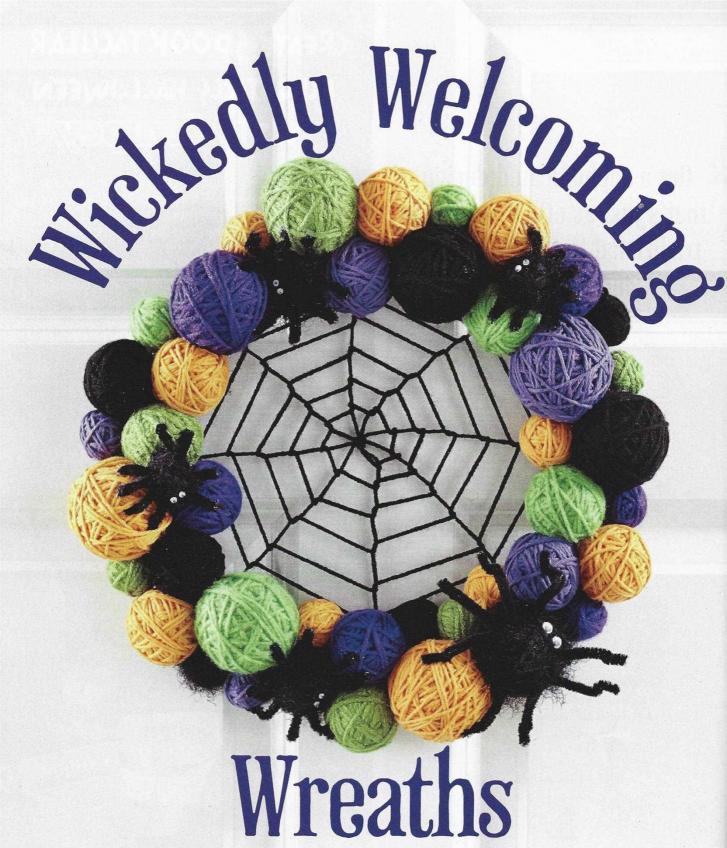


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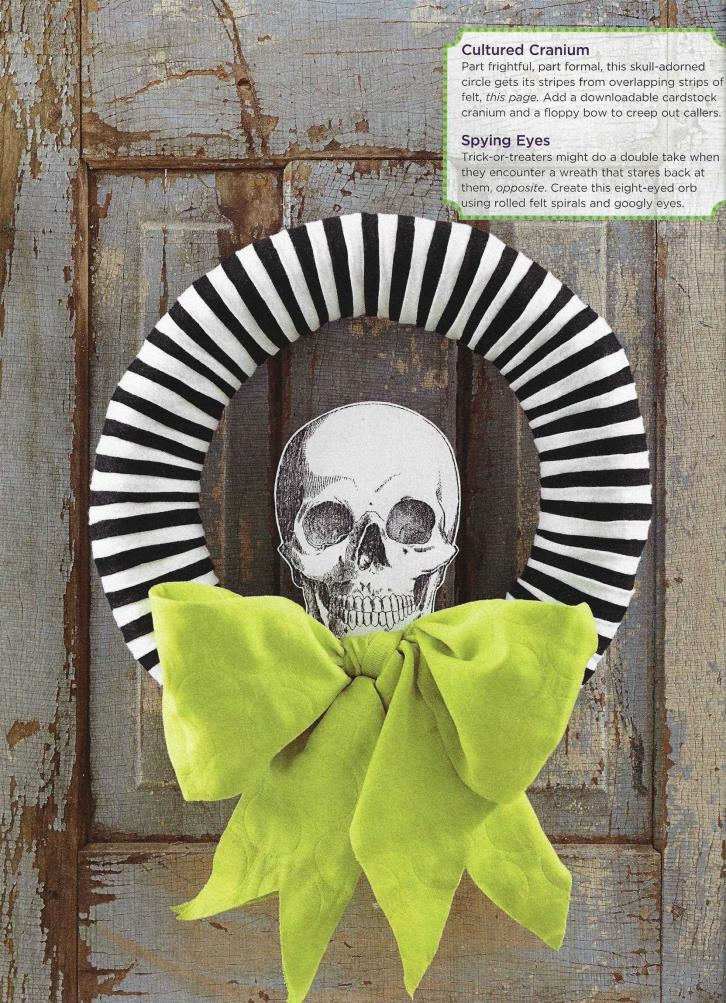
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Transform any door into an eerie entry with hair-raising wreaths that conjure up thoughts of ghoulies, ghosties, and things that go bump in the night.

WRITTEN BY **DEBRA STEILEN** PHOTOGRAPHY BY **JAY WILDE** AND **KRITSADA**PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS BEGIN ON PAGE 21.





They're not just for front doors anymore! Wreaths look wicked-good on cabinets, mantels, or shelves.





# instructions

#### Creepy-Crawly Yarns

DESIGNED BY MELANIE JANSSEN-SULLY

#### MATERIALS

40-50 plastic-foam balls: 1 inch,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and 2 inches in diameter

Novelty yarn: fuzzy black

Yarn: black, green, purple, and orange

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

12-inch medium-density fiberboard (MDF) wreath form

Seven 12-inch-long black chenille stems

Two 7-millimeter googly eyes

Six 5-millimeter googly eyes

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Gather one large, two medium, and two small foam balls for spiders. Using hot glue to secure a yarn end, wrap and cover each foam ball with fuzzy black yarn. Secure the other end using hot glue.

Wrap the remaining various-size foam balls with black, green, purple, or orange yarn. Cover approximately the same number of foam balls with each color. Set all yarn-covered foam balls aside

Tie four lengths of black yarn evenly to the wreath form, crossing in the center to form eight spokes. Tie a long length of black yarn to the center of spokes; weave the yarn around each spoke to form the spiraling web. Tie the end of the yarn to the wreath form.

Hot-glue the yarn-covered balls to the wreath form, mixing colors and sizes. Use small balls to fill in areas where the form shows through. Arrange the fuzzy black yarn-ball spider bodies around the wreath.

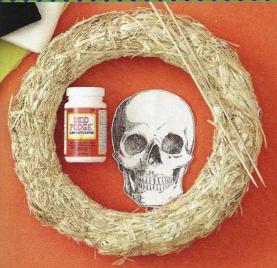
Cut chenille stems into eight 3-inch pieces

for the large spider, sixteen 2-inch pieces for the medium spiders, and sixteen 1½-inch pieces for the small spiders.

Insert the legs into the appropriate yarn-wrapped balls. Bend each stem to form a leg and foot. Hot-glue the legs to the yarn balls.

Hot-glue a pair of googly





#### **Cultured Cranium**

DESIGNED BY MELISSA CLARK

#### MATERIALS

14-inch straw wreath form

Felt: white and black

Straight pins

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

Upholstery fabric (we used lime green)

Skull image, from BHG.com/HTTSkull

White cardstock

Decoupage medium (we used Mod Podge)

Three bamboo skewers

Crafts knife

Black ribbon or baker's twine

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Cut enough  $10 \times \frac{1}{2}$ -inch felt strips to cover the wreath form—about 50 each of black and white felt. Overlapping the edges slightly, wrap alternating colors of felt strips around the form. Secure each strip on the back of the form using straight pins. Cut off excess felt. (For a finished look, cover the pinned ends on the back of the wreath with additional strips of black felt attached using hot glue.)

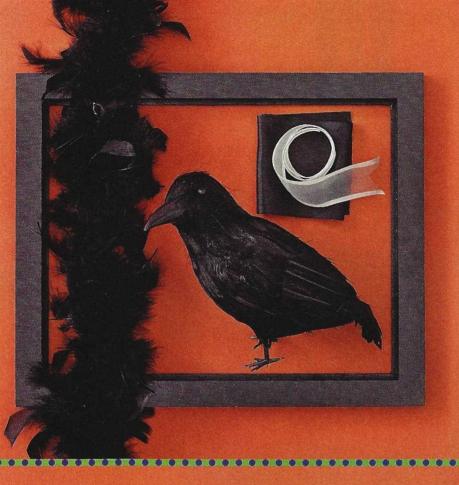
Cut a 7×60-inch strip of upholstery fabric and tie it in a floppy bow. Attach the bow to the bottom of the wreath using straight pins. Trim off excess fabric, notching the bow tails if desired. Let the cut edges fray for a spooky effect.

Print the skull image on cardstock. Coat the printed side with decoupage medium; let dry. Cut out the skull. Hot-glue the skewers to the back of the cardstock skull; the pointed ends should extend 2–2½ inches beyond the cardstock at the base of the skull. (For a finished look, glue a cardstock oval over the skewers on the back.)

Use a crafts knife to cut three holes through the felt strips just above the bow. Poke the skewers through the holes and into the wreath form, pushing until secure. Trim the skewer ends if they poke through the bottom of the form. Use black ribbon or twine to make a hanging loop.

# WICKEDLY WELCOMING WREATHS

Go to *BHG.com/HTTSkull* to get the printable skull image.



#### Feathered Frame

#### MATERIALS

- Black feather boa (our boa was

#### INSTRUCTIONS

of the frame using hot glue. Wind

of the black ribbon. Loop the lavered

#### Spying Eyes

DESIGNED BY ANDRETTA ROSS

#### MATERIALS

- Felt: 2 yards of purple and 1/4 yard of black

#### INSTRUCTIONS

80 purple felt circles and eight black felt circles. Cut each





Rat Race

#### MATERIALS

12-inch plastic-foam wreath form Lime-green cotton or polyester fabric White crafts glue

Foam brush

T-pins or tacker staples and staple gun Black lace with 1-inch-diameter dots

Three rubber rats (ours are 9 inches long from nose to tip of tail)

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks Sheer black ribbon

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Cut 18-20 strips, about 8×21/2 inches, from green fabric. Thin crafts glue with water. Using a foam brush, paint the back of a fabric strip with thinned glue. Center the sticky side of the strip on the form front. Smooth the ends of the fabric to the back of the form, securing with T-pins or tacker staples. Repeat, overlapping strips slightly until the form is covered. Let dry. Trim excess green fabric.

Lay the lace fabric over the fabric-wrapped wreath form. Push the lace fabric into the center, allowing enough fabric so it can wrap easily to the inside of the form. Cut the lace fabric at its outer edges, leaving enough to wrap around the outside of the form to the back.

Cut a large X in the center of the lace fabric. Working with one section at a time, wrap the cut fabric around the inside of the form to the back; secure using T-pins or tacker staples.

Working carefully to avoid distorting the dots, smooth the fabric across the front of the form and around to the back. (You may have to pleat the lace fabric slightly at times to get a smoother fit.) Secure using T-pins or tacker staples. Trim excess fabric.

Hot-glue the rubber rats to the inside edge of the wreath. Tie the black ribbon into a bow, and glue or pin it in place.

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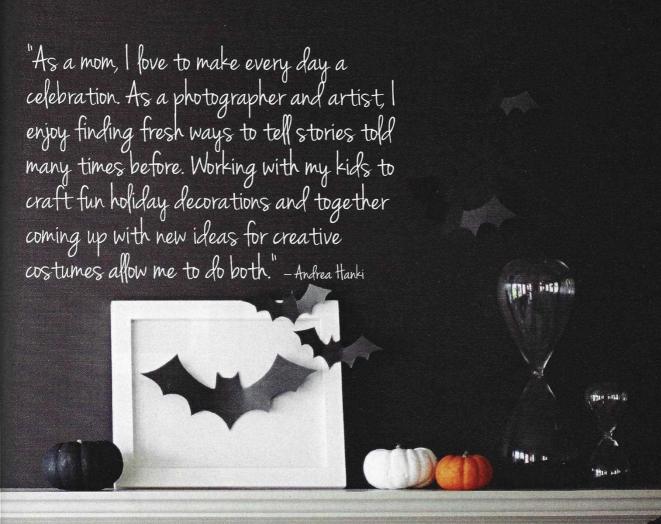




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#### Simply Striking!

Andrea likes to combine modern and traditional elements in her seasonal decor. On the mantel, plain and painted pumpkins add pop; spiders swarm a stick-filled vase; and paper bats take flight, thanks to strategic taping.



#### Alarming Additions

Spooky silhouettes, like bat wings and creepy-crawly spiders, bring entryway frames into the trick-ortreat theme. Using just a few figures amplifies the impact.

#### Fantastic Phantoms

Here's a twist on ghosts, opposite above, that Andrea made back in elementary school. She created these by wrapping squares of tissue paper around tissue paper balls and then tying them with string. They hang (along with a paper message) from a painted stick suspended from cup hooks in the ceiling.

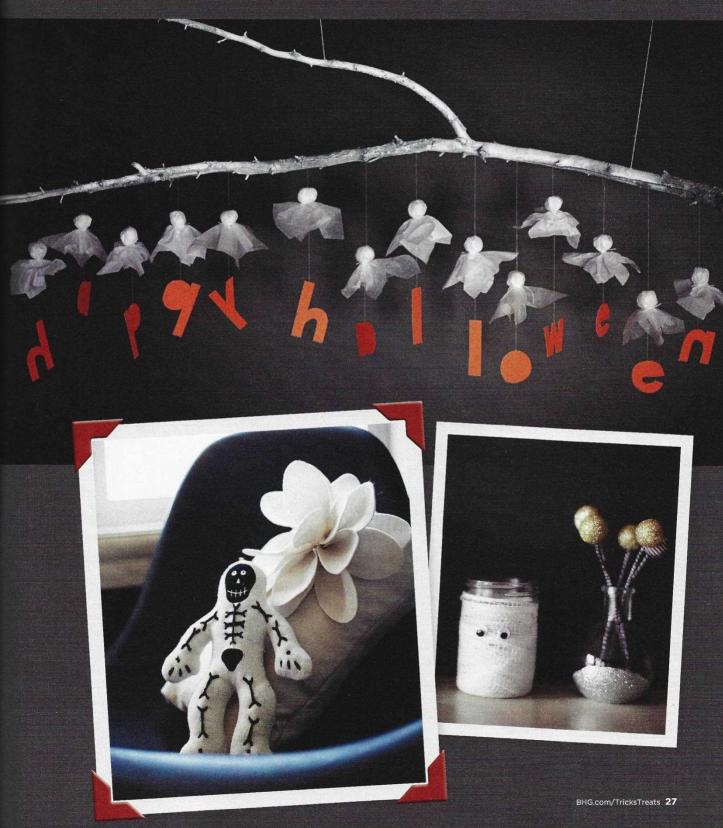
#### Dem Bones

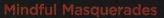
This stuffed skeleton, opposite, below left, that fits the black-and-white color scheme, jumped out at Andrea when she was shopping. He looks good no matter where he rests, and the kids love him, too.

#### Shapes Materialize

Daughter, Lila, helped make the Mason-jar mummies, opposite, below right. To create them, they simply wrapped jars in gauze and glued on some googly eyes. Foam balls dipped in glue and glitter rise on tape-wrapped chenille stems to lend sparkle.

"At least while our two kids are little, I definitely lean toward fresh and fun over dark and scary Halloween decorations." - Andrea Hanki





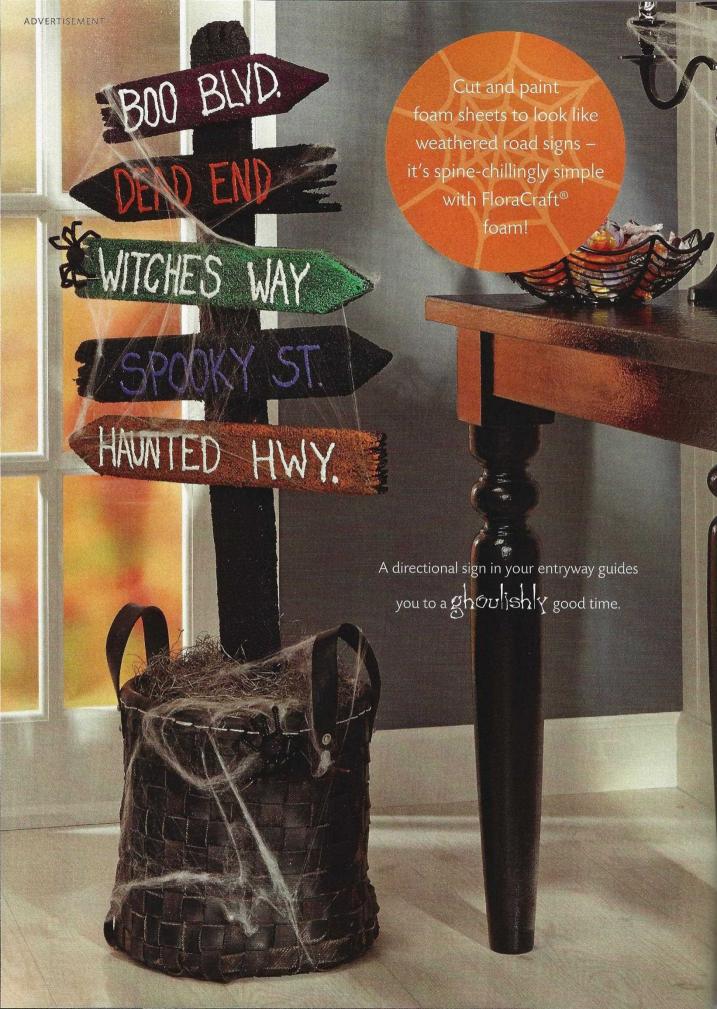
In Edmonton, Alberta, the weather can be unpredictable in the fall, with snow falling on some Halloweens. Lila and Cole oftentimes have two costumes: a lightweight one for the holiday party Andrea and her husband host, and another that keeps them warm when they go door-to-door gathering candy.

( Little cowboy Cole, age I, preferred playing with his hat rather than keeping it on his head.

Vila, age 1, dresses
as a royal in a paper
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skirt and brooch and
skirt and brooch and
a gilded papier-maché
a gilded papier-maché
and-card board crown
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As Princess Tiger Lily, Lila, age 4, loved her feathered headband and her arrow-filled quiver.





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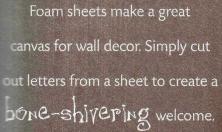
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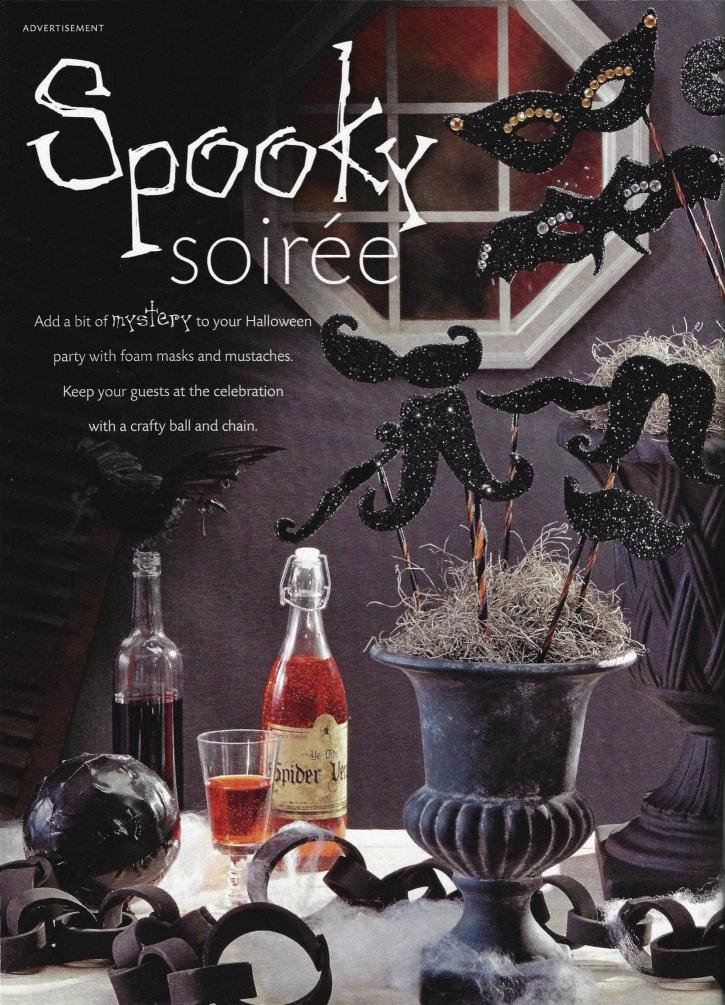


# GREEPY countdown

Ramp up the Halloween excitement with a three-dimensional countdown to the big night. Attach balls together at slightly skewed angles and paint them black. Then, use white paint for the numbers and stickers to embellish. It all adds up to a frightful foyer!



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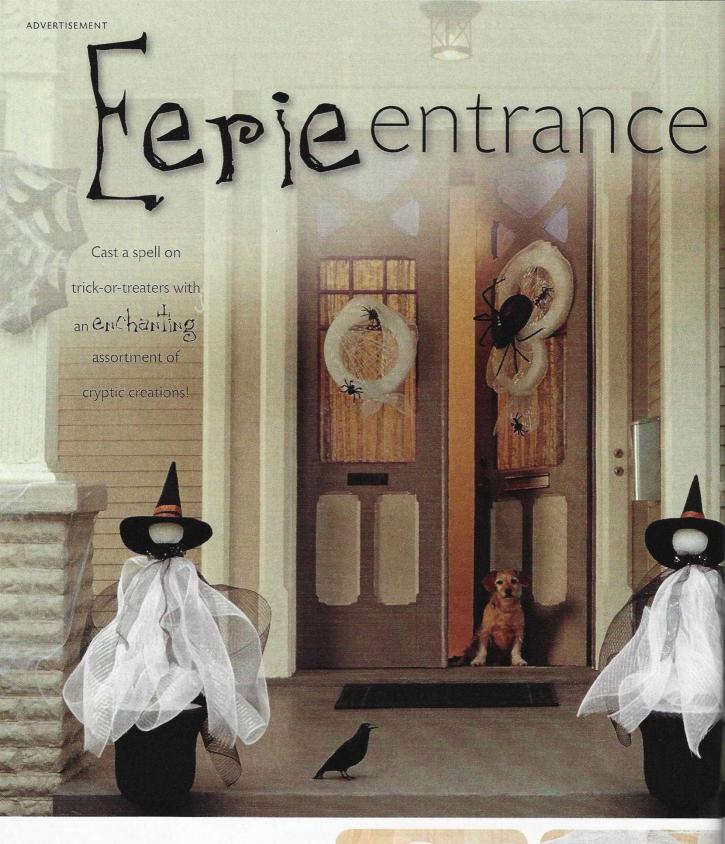
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Don't have a lot of time for crafting? These greeters and spider dens take just a few minutes to complete. A foam ball, dowel, decorative mesh and black hat are all you need for a spellbinding topiary. Spiders are made with foam balls and chenille stems, while the "webs" are constructed of foam wreaths, yarn and decorative mesh.







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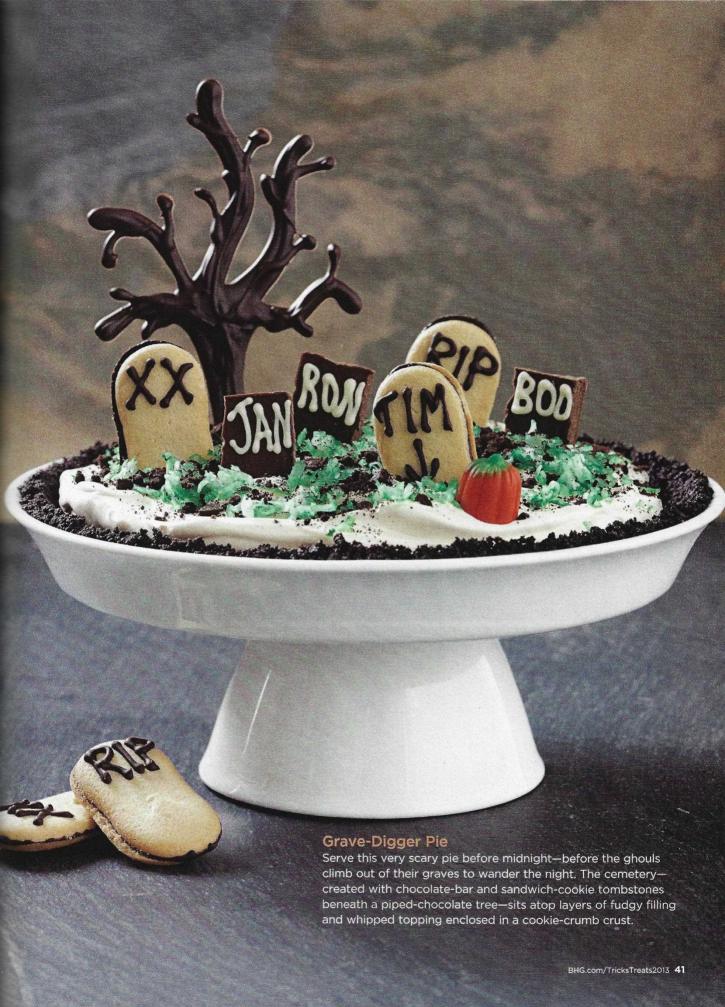
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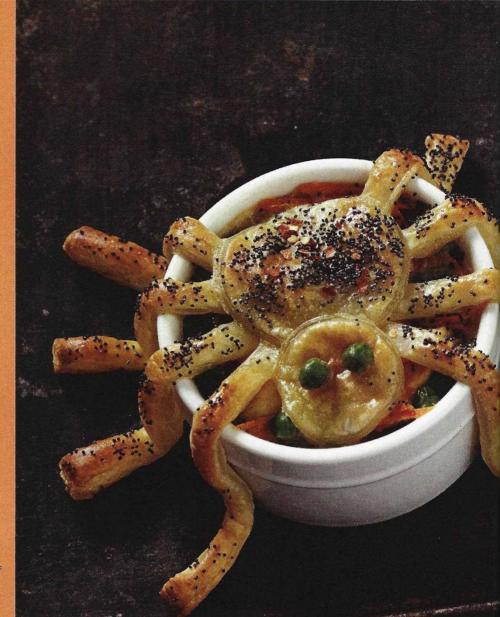
send delicious shivers through your favorite ghosts and goblins.

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### **Grinning Monster Sandwich Cookies**

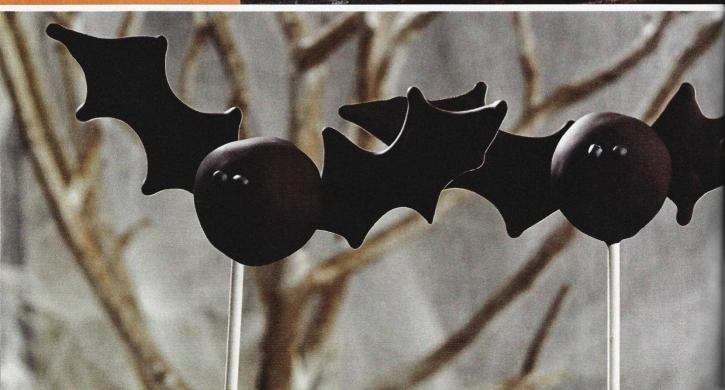
Fear not—these big-mouth sandwich cookies won't bite back. Rich orange-tinted mascarpone-cream tongues stick out from between the cookies' soft. chocolate-espresso jaws. Matching candy-coated peanut butter pieces transform mere marshmallows into creepy peepers.





### **Spider Nest Pot Pies**

Is that a spider in your supper? Yes—but relax! This benevolent bug is merely a crisp and crusty topping for a classic creamy chicken-vegetable filling that's made in minutes. A sprinkle of poppy seeds adds black widow color, while an itsy-bitsy dose of crushed red pepper makes the taste buds jump.





### **Batty Bonbons**

Stabbing winged rodents with sticks subdues some—but not all—of their scariness. Create bat bodies by molding a quick-fix mixture of crushed cookies, cocoa, and nuts into truffle-size balls, then dip them in melted chocolate. Pipe more melted chocolate onto waxed paper to fashion their wings; snip licorice to make their beady little eyes. Be sure to secure bats to the sticks carefully—you wouldn't want them to get loose.





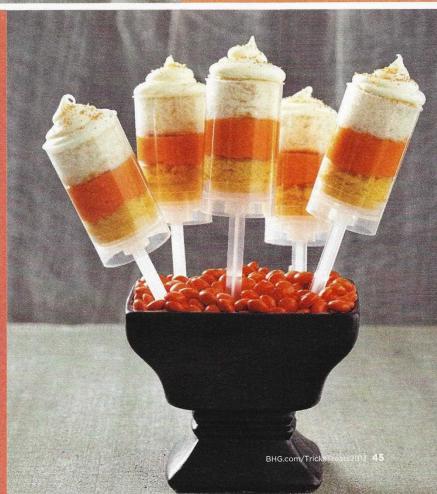
### Worm-Crusted Eyeball Pie

Only on Fright Night does dinner come to the table saying "Here's looking at you." Wormy strands of cooked spaghetti create a wiggly crust for this pie packed with meat and ricotta cheese. Ovenmelted fresh mozzarella balls topped with black olives give the dish 20/20 vision.

Scare up an assortment of freaky foods for ghoulishly good times.

### Creamy Halloweeny Push-Up Pops

Candy corn colors decorate these fun-to-eat push-up cake pops. The terrific treats are simple to assemble thanks to white and yellow-tinted cake mixes, instant pudding, and a quick sweetened cream cheese filling.



# recipes

### Worm-Crusted Eveball Pie

- 4 ounces dried spaghetti
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces lean ground beef or bulk Italian sausage
- ½ cup chopped onion (1 medium)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped green sweet pepper ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of a pepper)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushedNonstick cooking spray
- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese, drained
- 1 8-ounce container 1-inch fresh mozzarella balls, drained
- 12 to 16 medium ripe olives, drained and halved
- 1. Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain.
- 2. Return spaghetti to warm saucepan. Stir butter into hot pasta until melted. Stir in egg and Parmesan cheese; set aside.
- 3. Meanwhile, in a medium skillet cook ground beef or Italian sausage, onion, sweet pepper, and garlic until meat is brown and onion is tender. Drain. Stir in tomato sauce and oregano; heat through.
- 4. Coat a 9-inch pie plate with nonstick cooking spray. Press spaghetti mixture onto bottom and up sides of pie plate, forming a crust. Spread cottage cheese on the top and up the sides of pasta crust. Spread meat mixture over cottage cheese.
- 5. Bake, uncovered, in a 350°F oven for 25 minutes or until heated through. Remove from oven; arrange the mozzarella balls over top of pie. Return to oven; bake 5 minutes or until cheese is softened. Remove from oven and add an olive half to each mozzarella ball to complete eyeballs. Let stand 5 minutes. To serve, cut into wedges. Makes 6 servings.

### Grave-Digger Pie

Nonstick cooking spray

- 1½ cups finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies (about 25 cookies)
  - 1/3 cup butter, melted
  - 4 egg yolks
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups half-and-half or light cream
- 3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon butter
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
  - 1 8-ounce carton frozen extracreamy whipped dessert topping, thawed
  - 4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped Chocolate wafer cookies Sweetened flaked coconut Green food coloring Chocolate-filled oblong butter cookies White baking chocolate Milk chocolate candy bar Pumpkin-shape candies
- 1. Lightly coat a 9-inch pie plate with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a medium bowl stir together 1½ cups crushed chocolate wafer cookies and the ⅓ cup melted butter; press onto the bottom and up the sides of the prepared pie plate. Chill about 1 hour or until firm.
- 2. Place egg yolks in a small bowl and beat lightly; set aside.
- 3. In a medium saucepan combine sugar and cornstarch. Gradually stir in half-and-half and unsweetened chocolate. Cook and stir over mediumhigh heat until thickened and bubbly; reduce heat. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Remove saucepan from heat. Gradually stir about 1 cup of the hot filling into the egg yolks in bowl. Add yolk mixture to saucepan. Return to heat and bring to a gentle boil, stirring constantly; reduce heat. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 tablespoon butter and the vanilla. Pour filling into chilled



crust and refrigerate for at least 3 hours or until set.\*

- 4. Top chilled pie with whipped topping. To decorate, melt semisweet chocolate (see tip, *below*). Transfer chocolate into a small resealable plastic freezer bag; snip a small hole in one corner of the bag. On a baking sheet lined with waxed paper, pipe melted chocolate in the shape of a 7- to 8-inch-tall tree. Chill on baking sheet in refrigerator for 1 hour or until chocolate tree is solid.
- 5. Meanwhile, crush additional wafer cookies; set aside. In a small bowl, combine coconut and a drop of green food coloring; mix until color is evenly distributed through coconut. Sprinkle pie with crushed cookie dirt and tinted coconut. With remaining melted semisweet chocolate, pipe epitaphs on oblong cookies. Melt white baking chocolate. Transfer melted white chocolate into a small resealable plastic freezer bag; snip a tiny hole in a corner; pipe epitaphs on pieces of candy bar. Let cookies and candy bar pieces stand at room temperature for 10 to 12 minutes or until set.
- 6. Decorate top of pie with the chocolate tree, cookie tombstones, milk chocolate tombstones, and pumpkin-shape candies. Refrigerate until serving time. Cut into wedges. Makes 8 servings.

\*If desired, substitute 3 cups prepared chocolate pudding for the filling.

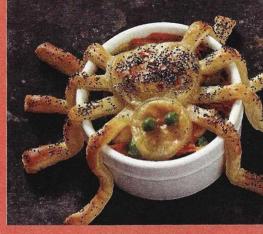
To Melt Chocolate: In a small microwave-safe bowl melt chopped chocolate on high (100% power) for 1 to 1½ minutes, stirring once halfway through melting time. Stir until melted and smooth.

### Spider Nest Pot Pies

- 1 pound chicken stir-fry strips
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flou
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme or oregano, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 ½ cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1½ cups coarsely shredded carrots
- 1½ cups frozen peas
- 1 17.3-ounce package frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed
  - 1 egg, beaten with 1 tablespoon waterPoppy seeds (optional)Crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Cut up any large chicken pieces. In a large skillet, cook chicken in hot oil over

medium heat for 5 to 6 minutes or until chicken is light brown and no longer pink, stirring frequently. Stir in flour, thyme, salt, and pepper. Add broth all at once. Stir in carrots. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Reserve 12 peas; set aside. Stir in remaining peas; heat through. Cover and keep warm while preparing puff pastry cutouts.

- 2. For spiders, place thawed puff pastry on a lightly floured surface. Using a 2-inch round cookie cutter, cut six circles; set aside. Using a 1½-inch round cutter, cut six circles; set aside. Cut remaining puff pastry into twenty-four ¼-inch-wide strips.
- 3. Spoon warm chicken mixture into six ungreased 10-ounce custard cups or individual casseroles (4 to 4½ inches in diameter). Place filled cups on a large rimmed, parchment-lined baking sheet.



To make spider legs, place four pastry strips over each custard cup, bending strips as shown. Trim strips if necessary. Place one 2-inch circle and one 1½-inch circle on top of the legs to make the spider body and head. Brush spider with egg mixture. Use reserved peas to make eyes. If desired, sprinkle spiders with poppy seeds and crushed red pepper flakes.

4. Bake, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until spider is golden brown and mixture is bubbly. Let stand for 10 minutes. Makes 6 individual pot pies.

### **Batty Bonbons**

- 18 chocolate sandwich cookies with cream filling
- 3/4 cup pecans, toasted\*
- 3 tablespoons flavored liqueur, such as orange or raspberry, or orange juice
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons light-color corn syrup
- 18 lollipop sticks
- 12 ounces chocolate-flavored candy coating or semisweet chocolate pieces
  Black sugar pearls or miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1. In a large food processor combine cookies and pecaus. Cover and process with on-off pulses until cookies are crushed. Add liqueur or orange juice, cocoa powder, and corn syrup. Cover and process until combined.
- 2. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Shape cookie mixture into eighteen 1¼-inch balls. Place balls on prepared baking sheet.

Insert a lollipop stick into each ball. Freeze for 30 minutes.

- 3. Melt chocolate-flavored candy coating according to package directions. Working in batches, dip cookie pops into melted candy coating. Allow excess to drip off; place balls on clean trays or baking sheets lined with waxed paper.\*\* Loosely cover and chill about 1 hour or until chocolate sets.
- 4. Draw bat wing outlines on white paper. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper, and place the paper wing outlines under the waxed paper to use as templates. Pipe the remaining melted candy coating onto the waxed paper in the shape of 18 pairs of bat wings; chill wings until set.

5. Use melted chocolate-flavored candy coating to attach wings and black sugar pearl eyes to the balls. Makes 18 bonbon pops.

\*To Toast Nuts: Spread nuts in a single layer in a shallow baking pan. Bake in a 350°F oven for 5 to 10 minutes or until lightly golden, shaking the pan once or twice; let cool.

\*\*If you don't want pops to have a flat side, poke the ends of the lollipop sticks into florist's foam to hold the pops upright until the coating is set.

Make-Ahead Tip: Place pops in a single layer in an airtight container; cover. Store in the refrigerator for up to 7 days. (If pops contain orange liqueur, the flavor will mellow after a few days.)



### Wicked Witch Hats

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 cup finely shredded Mexicanblend cheese (4 ounces)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon milk
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped bottled green jalapeño chiles or diced green chiles, drained
- 3/4 cup finely crushed round blue corn tortilla chips (about 2 ½ cups)
- 20 round blue corn tortilla chips
  - 2 to 3 long carrots, peeled
- 1. In a large bowl let cream cheese, shredded cheese, and butter stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Add milk and Worcestershire sauce. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Stir in green onion and jalapeño chiles. Cover and chill for 4 to 24 hours.
- 2. Shape chilled cheese mixture into 1-inch balls, using about 1 tablespoon mixture for each; mold balls into cone shapes. Roll cones in crushed blue corn chips, pressing lightly to adhere.
- 3. Using a vegetable peeler, cut carrots into thin strips. Cut strips into narrow pieces. Wrap a carrot strip around each cone to form a hatband\*\*. Place each cone atop a round tortilla chip to create hat brims; serve immediately. Or cover and refrigerate cones up to 1 hour; place atop hat brims just before serving. Makes 20 hats.

Make-Ahead Tip: Prepare as directed in Step 1. Wrap cheese ball in plastic wrap. Freeze up to 1 month. When ready to assemble, thaw in the refrigerator overnight.

Let stand for 15 minutes at room temperature.

Unwrap and shape as

\*\*Tie the carrot strip in a loose knot, or use cheese-ball mixture to secure the hatband.



### Grinning Monster Cookie Sandwiches

- 5 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon instant espresso coffee powder
- 2 eggs
- <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup granulated sugar
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces
  - 1 8-ounce container mascarpone cheese
  - 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
  - 1 tablespoon whipping cream
  - 1 teaspoon vanillaOrange paste food coloring
  - 8 Large marshmallows
    Orange candy-coated peanut
    butter pieces
    Semisweet chocolate, melted
- 1. In a small heavy saucepan combine the 5 ounces semisweet chocolate, unsweetened chocolate, and butter. Cook and stir over low heat until melted and smooth; set aside to cool slightly. In a small bowl stir together the flour, baking powder, salt, and espresso powder; set aside.
- 2. In a medium mixing bowl beat eggs, granulated sugar, and 1 teaspoon vanilla with an electric mixer on high speed for 4 minutes or until thick and light yellow in color. Fold in melted chocolate mixture. Fold in flour mixture until combined. Fold in semisweet chocolate pieces. Cover

- and chill batter for 30 to 60 minutes or until batter thickens slightly.
- 3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Drop batter by 2-tablespoon portions (#30 scoop) 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are firm and tops are crackled. Cool on cookie sheets for 2 minutes. Transfer to wire rack; let cool completely.
- 4. For filling, in a small bowl combine mascarpone cheese, powdered sugar, whipping cream, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed just until mixture thickens. Add food coloring gradually, mixing well after each addition, until filling reaches desired shade. Spread about 2 tablespoons filling each on the flat sides (bottoms) of half of the cookies. Press the flat sides of the remaining cookies against the filling, tilting the top cookie to resemble a mouth opening.
- 5. Cut marshmallows in half. Attach a candy-coated peanut butter piece to the sticky side of each marshmallow half. Cut a small wedge from the bottom of each marshmallow eye to create a sticky base; immediately attach two eyes to each cookie so the eyes stand upright on the sandwich cookie. If necessary, dip bottoms of marshmallows in melted semisweet chocolate to help adhere the marshmallows to the cookies. Makes 8 sandwich cookies.

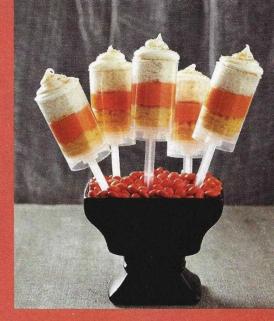
To Store: Layer filled cookies between sheets of waxed paper in an airtight container; cover. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month.

### Creamy Halloweeny Push-Up Pops

- 1 package 2-layer-size white cake mix
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons yellow liquid food coloring
- 1 4-serving-size package vanilla instant pudding and pie filling mix
- 11/4 cups milk
  - 1 tablespoon orange juice concentrate, thawed Orange paste food coloring
  - 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
  - 3 cups powdered sugar
  - 15 push-up containersOrange-tinted decorating sugar
- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two 8×8×2-inch baking pans. Line pan bottoms with parchment paper or waxed paper. Grease paper; set pans aside. Prepare cake mix according to package directions, adding the ground ginger before beating. Divide batter in half. Tint half the batter with yellow food coloring. Spread yellow batter into one prepared pan, Spread plain

batter into the remaining prepared pan. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until cakes springs back when lightly touched. Cool in pans on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove cakes from pans; cool completely, paper side down, on wire racks. Transfer to a cutting board\*.

- 2. For orange filling, prepare pudding according to package directions except use 1½ cups of milk for liquid. Stir in orange juice concentrate. Tint with orange food coloring. Cover and chill until ready to assemble.
- 3. For cream cheese filling, in a medium mixing bowl beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Gradually beat in powdered sugar until well combined. Spoon cream cheese filling into a pastry bag fitted with a large round or star tip; spoon orange pudding filling into another pastry bag fitted with a large round tip.
- 4. Using the open end of a push-up container as a cutter, cut out 15 circles from each cake (cut the circles as close



together as possible). Pipe 1 teaspoon of cream cheese filling in the bottom of each push-up container. Place one yellow cake circle in each container. Pipe orange filling on top. Add a white cake circle and top with a tablespoon of cream cheese filling. Sprinkle with decorating sugar. Place the top on each container. Store in the refrigerator for up to 2 days. Makes 15 cake pops.

\*For easier cutting, freeze the cake layers for 20 to 30 minutes.

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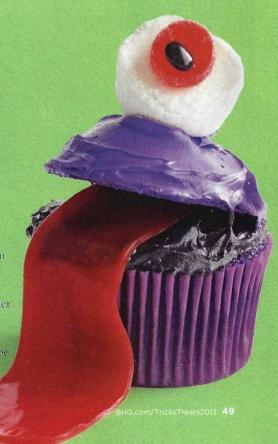
# Monster Cupcake

- 12 cupcakes
- 2 16-ounce cans white frosting
   Food coloring: black and purple
   Gumdrops
   Large marshmallows
   Black candy
   Black licorice laces
   Rolled fruit leather
- 1. Tint each can of frosting with one of the food colorings. Cut the rounded tops off cupcakes. Spread the cut surfaces with black frosting. Place a large gumdrop half in the center on top of each cupcake. Spread purple frosting

over cupcake tops. Place frosted tops over gumdrop halves on cupcakes, tipping each top back slightly to form an open mouth.

2. For each eyeball, attach a piece of black candy to a cut gumdrop on a slice of marshmallow; insert a small piece of black licorice into the bottom of the marshmallow slice. Press into cupcake.

3. For each tongue, lay a fruit leather roll flat; fold and press together to make four layers. Use scissors to cut out tongue shape. Place a tongue shape into mouth of each cupcake.





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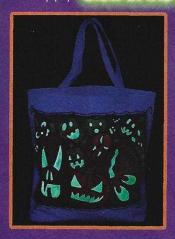


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Carnival games, circus animals, and blue-ribbon foods abound at this fall frolic. Come one, come all—it's Halloween thrills without the chills!

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Whee! Fun is definitely in the air at this backyard party. We've blended the best parts of county fairs, carnivals, and circuses to show a lighter, brighter side of Halloween. Haunting ghouls give way to less sinister characters and decor. Instead of gloom-and-doom black, we've paired orange with aqua and added playful polka dots, stripes, and stars. And there are carnivalinspired games galore: Toss balls into jack-o'-lanterns, or guess the number of plastic spiders in a jar.

We've also taken the fright out of the party planning with ready-to-go designs you simply print from your computer. Give a glimpse of things to come with circus animals parading across the printable invitation. Our downloadable signs for activities, games, and tickets will transform your yard or home into a midway. And our blue ribbons make any food seem like a prizewinner. So step right up! You're the ringmaster of the Easiest Show on Earth.



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COME ONE

Pennants fluttering across the downloadable invitation, above and left, set the stage for fun. Everything prints on one piece of paper!

### Along for the Ride

A bench disguised as a Ferris wheel, opposite, becomes a fun rest spot. Create your own "ride" by customizing our printable designs and painting pieces of foam core.



### **Eye-Catching Buffet**

Make the buffet table, opposite, the star attraction. Layer the table with fabric that fits your scheme (we used an aqua shawl), and hang an awning that adds big-top style.

### Take the Cake

Give desserts, *right*, carnival flair. Easy-to-craft pinwheels garnish a cake. Use our downloadable black cat toppers to embellish cupcakes—ours are taking a spin on a Ferris wheel stand. Turn powdered-sugar doughnuts into clown faces with frosting and cinnamon candies.

### **Best in Show**

Our printable blue ribbons, below left, proclaim the prizewinning eats. (We left the centers of some ribbons blank so you can customize your menu.)

### Cool Sips

Flags flying from straws, below middle, make sipping drinks special. And it's easy to keep track of the drinks with our downloadable tags printed on canning jar labels.

### Food Play

Mini burgers, below right, are sized for guests with small appetites. A cookie cutter turns cheese slices into fun flower shapes.











### Carnival Atmosphere

A rental canopy decorated with pennants, balloons, and yards of polka-dot fabric anchors the makeshift midway, *opposite*. Line the midway with bales of hay, pumpkins, and gourds for seasonal flair.

### **Painted Faces**

Work your magic on fresh little faces with a face-painting station, *right* and *below right*. Use a rubber stamp, such as a cheerful butterfly, and water-soluble ink. After stamping, blot the design with a napkin, then fill in details with a face-painting stick or paintbrush. Dip the stick or brush into water before applying nontoxic makeup that's easy to remove with soap and water.

### Grab-and-Go Snacks

Fair food is all about portability. Fill the snack table, *below*, with munchies and drinks in bags, cups, cones, boxes—and of course, on a stick. Lollipops fill the bill perfectly.







### Ticket to Fun

A tub of water and rubber ducks are all you need for this classic carnival game, *above*. Kids check the number on a floating duck to see how many prize tickets they've won.

### **Taking Aim**

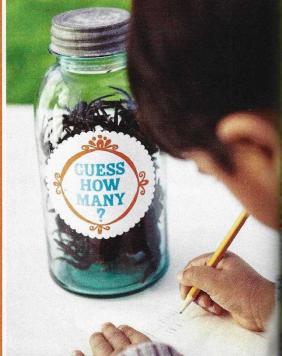
Kids toss tennis balls into open-top jack-o'-lanterns set as targets on and against hay bales, above right.

### **Guest Guesswork**

The downloadable label for this guessing game, *right*, is generic so you can fill the jar with whatever you'd like—plastic spiders, jelly beans, or pumpkin seeds.

### **Cat Crossing**

Cat-shape croquet wickets, *opposite*, bear printable ticket-prize signs to motivate kids to strike the ball through.







When the games are over, kids can cash in their winning tickets at the prize table. Make it part of the decor!

### Win the Prize

Downloadable ticket "price tags" displayed on photo holders let kids know how many game tickets they need to earn for the trinkets and treats on the prize table, above.

### Checkout Lane

A toy cash register—vintage or new—lets youngsters feel grown-up as they redeem their tickets for prizes, opposite, bottom left.

### Take-Home Treats

Send guests home with frosted circus animal cookies. Package the treats, opposite top, in a clear bag with our printable tags. Also invite them to a final trip to the snack table, opposite, bottom right.



## instructions



### You're Invited: Invitation

### MATERIALS

Invitation template (cover and inside design), mini pennants, and address label, from *BHG.com/HTTCircus*White cardstock

Crafts knife Small hole punch Orange-and-white baker's twine Orange envelopes Crafts glue

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Note: The designs are arranged to use one sheet of cardstock for each invitation. Before printing on cardstock, test the placement of the front design and inside animal design on plain paper, printing on one side for the front and the other side for the inside design. When satisfied with placement, print designs for the invitation, mini pennants, and address label on cardstock. Print or write party details in the space on the inside design.

Trim card using crafts knife, separating the invitation from the pennant and label designs. Cut out pennants using crafts knife. Punch small holes in top corners of each unfolded invitation and in top corners of all pennants. Using the photo, *page 57*, for reference, thread the pennants onto twine. Thread ends through holes in the invitation; knot to secure to card. Fold invitation with pennants and animal design inside. Cut out address label and adhere to front of envelope using crafts glue.

### Carnival Atmosphere: Pennant Garland

### MATERIALS

Mixed fabrics in aqua, orange, and white Iron-on interfacing Pinking shears (optional) 3/4-inch-wide ribbon

### CIRCUS TREATS

Go to BHG.com/HTTCircus to get the patterns and printables for these projects.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Note: For more durability, use vinyl fabrics and skip the iron-on interfacing. Measure the sides of the canopy tent overhang to estimate length of the pennant garland. Cut enough pennant-shape triangles from mixed fabrics to fill the space. Cut matching triangles of fusible web. Following manufacturer's directions, match the points, and iron an interfacing pennant to each fabric pennant. If desired, use pinking shears to trim the edges of the triangles to prevent fraying.

Make the garland by topstitching the top edges of the pennants to a length of ribbon with no gaps between the triangles. Attach the garland to the tent corners, following the contours of the overhang.

### Along for the Ride: Ferris Wheel Bench

MATERIALS

Five 20×30-inch sheets of foam-core board Ferris wheel front, side, and

center scroll designs, from BHG.com/HTTCircus

Packing tape

Ferris Wheel and 10 Tickets signs, downloaded

Painter's tape

Acrylic paint: orange and aqua

Small paintbrushes

Black permanent marker

Crafts knife

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

Crafts glue

Wooden dowel or closet rod

Bench

### INSTRUCTIONS

Note: If desired, have the designs enlarged at a copy center. Cut out and glue to foamcore board. Paint and embellish as desired. Using the front, side, and scroll designs for reference, sketch the shapes onto foam-core board. Sketch the front as two mirror-image pieces. (When joined, the scroll will cover the seam.) Cut out the mirror-image pieces.

For front supports, cut a 15×16-inch rectangle from foam-core board; cut the rectangle in half diagonally to make two triangles. For front detail, cut out the scroll. For side panels, cut two mirrorimage shapes. To hold the "safety bar," cut circles in matching locations on each side panel's lower scallop.

with a scalloped top. Print the Ferris Wheel sign, enlarging to fit the front panels. Trim close to the words and arrange a word on each side of center seam, leaving space for decorative scroll (see photo, *below*); use painter's tape to temporarily tape in place.

Sketch curlicue outline to make sign area around words. To draw stripes, lay a ruler or yardstick vertically on the front and side panels and then draw along the sides of the ruler to get a consistent stripe width. Remove the taped-on words.

Paint every other stripe orange and the curlicues around the sign area aqua. (For crisp lines, tape off stripes using painter's tape.) Leave the inside of the Ferris Wheel sign area white; let dry.

Paint whimsical freehand circles on foam-core board scraps using aqua paint; let dry. Outline the edges of the circles using the black marker; let dry. Cut out using a crafts knife.

Paint the decorative scroll piece aqua; let dry. Add detail using the black marker. Hot-glue the decorative scroll over the center seam where panels meet. Use crafts glue to adhere "Ferris" and "Wheel" in previously determined spaces. Hot-glue aqua circles to centers of the scallops on the front panel and along the edges of the large scallops on the side panels. Print two 10 Tickets signs, enlarging to fit side panels; cut out. Attach to side panels using crafts glue. Using packing

tape, attach a foam-core triangle to the back of the front piece near each end to hold the front upright. Attach a side panel to each side of the bench using packing tape or hot glue. Slip the dowel through holes in side panels. Arrange front panel in front of bench.

If desired, for background, draw clouds and sun on additional foam-core board and paint as desired. Cut out and attach behind Ferris wheel bench to tent or house. Use the setting for pretend rides or as a party photo spot.







### Take the Cake: Pinwheels

### MATERIALS

Patterned pinwheel squares, from *BHG.com/HTTCircus* White cardstock Crafts knife ½-inch hole punch Paper straws Silver sparkle brads

### INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Four small pinwheels fit on one  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ -inch sheet of paper, two medium pinwheels on one sheet of paper, and one large pinwheel on one sheet of paper. Full-page patterns also are included for the backs of pinwheels. The pinwheels are for decorative use only.

For each pinwheel: Choose your favorite combination from the downloaded patterned squares. Print one side of cardstock with desired pattern. Flip paper, and print other side with pattern that includes lines and dots to use for pinwheel assembly. Cut out squares, and then cut along faint blue lines.

Use a sharp crafts knife to cut a small square at the center of each pinwheel. Punch holes through dots at pinwheel edges. Punch a hole at straw top. Gently fold dotted pinwheel points to center without creasing paper, aligning with the hole in pinwheel center; secure points with silver sparkle brad. Attach pinwheel to straw by pushing brad through hole; close brad on back of straw.

### Take the Cake: Cat Cupcake Toppers

### MATERIALS

Circus cat face designs, from BHG.com/HTTCircus White cardstock 1/8-inch hole punch Toothpicks

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks Miniature cupcake papers

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print the circus cat face designs on white cardstock. Cut out using scissors, including tab below face. Punch hole in center of each tab as indicated on design. Push toothpick through the hole and attach toothpick top to back of cat using hot glue. Cut miniature cupcake papers in half. Punch hole in bottom of cut cupcake paper half, as close to ruffled edge as possible. Slide bottom of toothpick through hole so cupcake paper becomes "ruffle" beneath cat's face. Fold edges of paper to cat back and secure using hot glue. Insert toppers into frosted cupcakes.



### Best in Show: Food Ribbons

### **MATERIALS**

Blue ribbons and center labels, from BHG.com/HTTCircus White cardstock Scissors: straight and scallop-edge

Orange marker Adhesive dots Double-stick tape

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print blue ribbons and center labels. (Center label templates include both food names, such as "Best Apple Pie" and "Best Cupcake," and blank labels to customize.) Cut out all pieces using straight scissors for the ribbons and scallop-edge scissors for the centers. Customize blank center labels using an orange marker. Adhere the centers to the blue ribbons using adhesive dots to create a 3-D appearance. Secure finished ribbons to food containers or pedestals using double-stick tape.

### **Activity Signs INSTRUCTIONS MATERIALS** Note: If your laminating machine won't Sign templates for Face Painting, accept 11×17-inch paper, reduce and Ball Toss, Kitty Croquet, Ring print the signs on 8½×11-inch paper Toss, Prizes, Sweets & Treats, and laminate. Or take to a copy center and Duck Float, from to have laminated. BHG.com/HTTCircus

11×17-inch white paper

Packing tape

Personal laminating machine

Wooden dowels, if desired

Print the signs on 11×17-inch paper. Trim around the orange curlicue design. Laminate and trim the signs again. Attach the signs to tables or wooden dowels using packing tape.

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### Taking Aim: Ball Toss

MATERIALS

Ball Toss and assorted Tickets signs, from BHG.com/HTTCircus Scallop-edge scissors 10 artificial pumpkins (We used Funkins.)

Saw, serrated knife, and drill Aqua pushpins Hav bales Blue tennis balls

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print, trim, and laminate the signs as directed in Activity Signs instructions. Use scallop-edge scissors to trim the Tickets signs. Cut the tops off the artificial pumpkins. Decorate the pumpkins by drilling holes and cutting out stars. Use an aqua pushpin to attach a Ticket sign to each pumpkin.

The number on the sign indicates how many tickets can be won by throwing a ball into the pumpkin.

Arrange the pumpkins on hay bales, assigning point values based on how difficult

it will be to get a ball into the pumpkin.

To play the game, let each child toss three balls. Count up the number of points won and award tickets accordingly.



### Cat Crossing: Croquet

### MATERIALS

For nine cats:

Cat pattern and Tickets signs, from BHG.com/HTTCircus

One  $4\times8$ -foot sheet of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch or  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood

Jigsaw

Sandpaper

Power drill with 1/2-inch woodboring bit (brad-point,

Forstner, or spade)

Eighteen 1/2-inch wood button

plugs (For eyes on both sides of each cat, you'll need 36.)

Acrylic paint: gray and white

Paint pens: white, pink, and black

Exterior wood glue

White cardstock

Scallop-edge scissors

Crafts glue

Croquet set or game rings

### INSTRUCTIONS

Enlarge cat pattern 245 percent or to desired size. Ours is 23 inches tall. Print and trim. Trace nine cat outlines on the plywood. Cut out using the jigsaw; sand edges.

Using a nail or a scratch awl, mark the centers of the eyes. (For double-sided wickets, make the same marks on the other side of the face.) Using a brad point or Forstner bit, drill a ½-inch-diameter hole deep enough to insert a button plug. (If desired for double-sided wickets, use a spade bit to drill through the plywood. Insert plugs on both sides.)

Paint both the sides and edges of cats using gray acrylic paint; let dry. Using a white paint pen, outline the cat's body, tail, face, and ears. Using the white paint pen and referring to the photo, page 63, draw a nose and mouth. Fill in nose using pink paint pen.

Paint the wood button plugs using white acrylic paint; let dry. Use paint pen to add black pupils; let dry. Lightly coat inside the drilled holes using exterior wood glue; insert plugs. Wipe off excess glue; let dry.

Download and print the Tickets signs on white cardstock. Cut out using scallop-edge scissors. Using crafts glue, attach a sign to each cat, giving each cat a different value.

To play the game, insert the cats into the ground in place of wickets. Use a typical croquet course setup, or make up your own arrangement. For each ball hit through a wicket, the player wins the number of tickets shown on the sign.

Alternate game: The cat wickets also can serve as ring toss targets. Arrange a few cats as desired. Have players stand a short distance from the targets to toss rings over the cats' tails. For each ringed tail, players receive the number of tickets shown on the cat target's sign.

### Take-Home Treats: Cookie Packages

### **MATERIALS**

Thank You! tags, from BHG.com/HTTCircus

White cardstock

Scallop-edge scissors

1/8-inch hole punch

Glassine envelopes

Agua or agua-striped paper napkins

Animal-shape cookies

Orange-and-white baker's twine

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Download and print the Thank You! tags onto cardstock. Cut around light blue pattern using scallop-edge scissors. Punch a hole near the top of the tag. Place squares of aqua or aqua-striped paper napkins into glassine envelopes as backing. Insert cookies into envelopes.

Wrap a doubled length of orange-and-white twine around each package. Slip one end of twine through the hole in the Thank You tag. Tie twine in a bow.



### Guest Guesswork: Guessing Game

### MATERIALS

Guess How Many label, from BHG.com/HTTCircus Scallop-edge scissors Glue stick Large clear jar with lid Plastic spiders (or other small objects, such as candy, seeds, or tiny toys)

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print the label and trim using scallop-edge scissors. Attach label to jar using glue stick. Fill the jar with plastic spiders or other objects.

To play the game, let each guest guess how many objects are in the jar. Give each player prize tickets for guessing. The player who comes closest to the right number gets a special prize or extra tickets to spend at the prize booth.



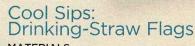
# Cool Sips: Drinking Glasses

### MATERIALS

Old-fashioned jelly jars, lids removed Scroll design, from BHG.com/HTTCircus 21/4x31/2-inch oval canning-jar labels Black fine-point marker

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print labels with downloaded scroll pattern. Use a black marker to write a guest's name in center of each label. Attach labels to jars. Serve beverages with flag straws.



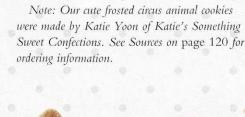
### MATERIALS

Small flags and backgrounds, from BHG.com/HTTCircus White cardstock Hole punch Paper straws

### INSTRUCTIONS

Choose desired pattern for back of flags. Print full page of selected pattern on one side of cardstock and individual flags on other side. Cut out flags. Punch holes at the top and bottom of each flag's straight side as indicated. Thread straw through the holes so the flag "flies" from the top of the straw. Place one in each beverage before serving.



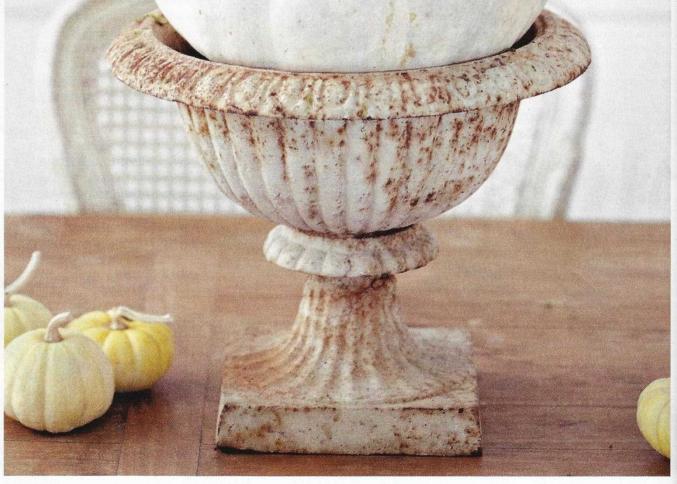


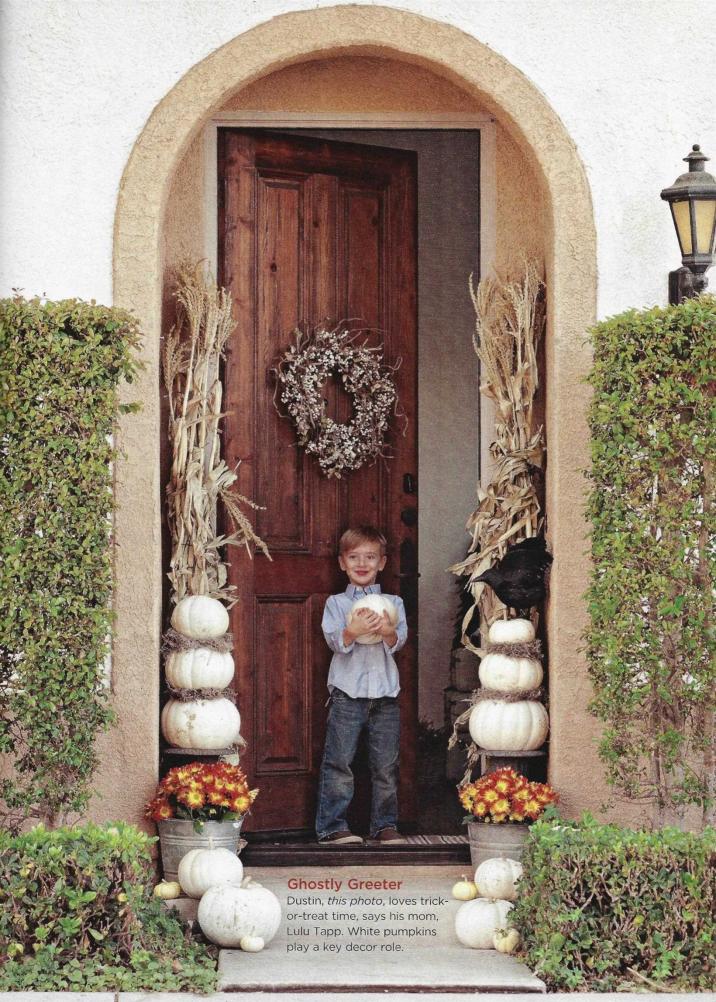


# Halloween Chie

Start with a ghostly white interior. Add pops of orange and black, repurposed flea market finds, and a tincture of terror to turn a family home into Halloween central.

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Some people use Halloween as an excuse to go for the gory. Not Lulu Tapp. This creative California homeowner relishes the chance to give her French-inspired interiors a vintage vibe—with a little bit of seasonal scary thrown in for flavor.

"I take the whole year to go to flea markets and hunt for Halloween," Lulu says. "Good vintage is hard to come by. And it has so much more character than going to the store and buying something everybody else has."

A lifestyle photographer and blogger (dustylu.com), Lulu designed her home as a blank canvas to showcase timeworn treasures at their best. White walls, gauzy curtains, and slipcovered furniture await the monthlong transformation that begins with Halloween hues of orange, black, and purple. She's big on using Spanish moss, lifelike ravens, and fake mice, too. That's why every room projects a sense of whimsy that makes the home a neighborhood destination on October 31.

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Lulu also seems to have a thing for bones. In fact, the Tapp family welcomes two bony visitors every fall when Lulu unearths a pair of faux skeletons she uses to create hauntingly clever vignettes. "When my neighbors walk by, they can see the skeletons through the window," Lulu says. "They love it."

Lulu and her entire family really enjoy Halloween for its fun activities. Like most kids, her boys adore trick-or-treating and all the candy they get. Also, her family marks Halloween as the start of the holiday season.

But Lulu says Halloween has been her favorite thing her whole life. "I think it's because you can change so much," she says. "You can dress up in character. You can redecorate your house. You can bring your most fun things to life."

\* For Sources, see page 120.



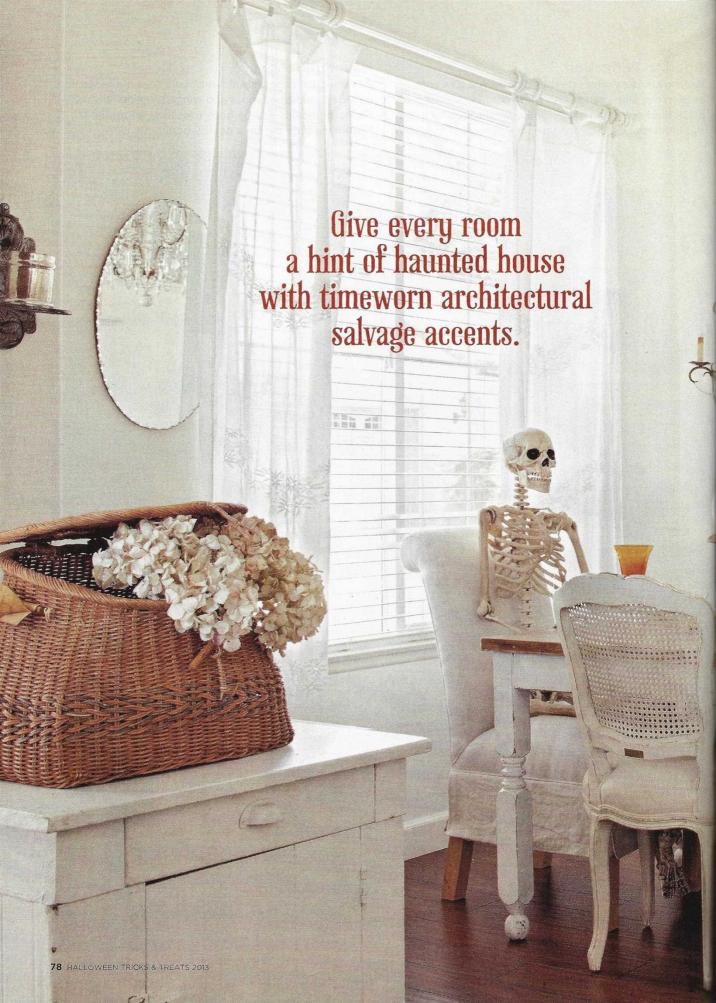
### Aged to Perfection

Peeling shutters offer a textured backdrop to a sofa decked out with orange and white pillows, *opposite*. A black feather wreath and a Hitchcock-inspired bird turn the fright dial up. "Ravens scream Halloween," Lulu says.

### **Haunted Hangout**

"I wanted to make a statement," Lulu says of the kitchen chandelier's draped moss and winged tenants, *below*. Plump pumpkins—made from sweaters—adorn the table. Fake mice scamper on a nearby bookcase.



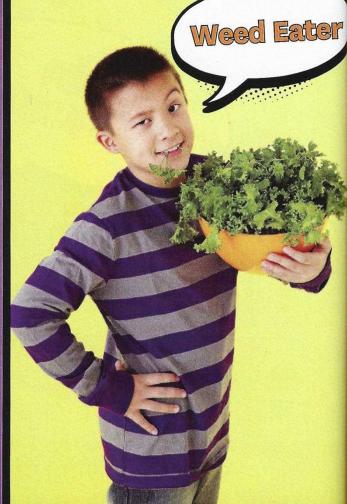












### Game On

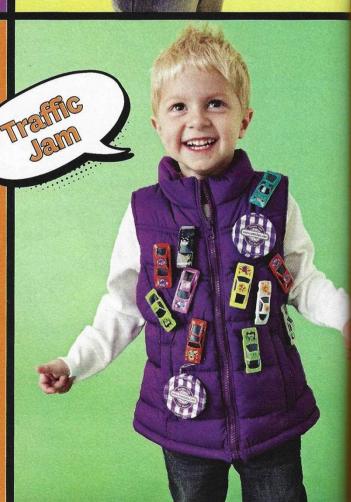
Sure, kids can spout all the specs of the hottest gaming consoles, but can they process the translation of a cardboard box into digital electronics, above, quite as swiftly? Test their tech knowledge with this easy X-Box outfit.

### Such a Chore

Walk around the party occasionally stuffing your face from this heaping bowl of leafy greens, and people will think you've become a health nut, above right. On the contrary, you can declare. You're merely tackling a little fall lawn care by being a Weed Eater.

### Easy As a Sunday Drive

Don't worry, you won't have a headache after navigating this roadway pileup, right. Fill up with a PB&J snack before you hit the creative road, and this Traffic Jam costume might land you on the evening news with the cutest costume ever.

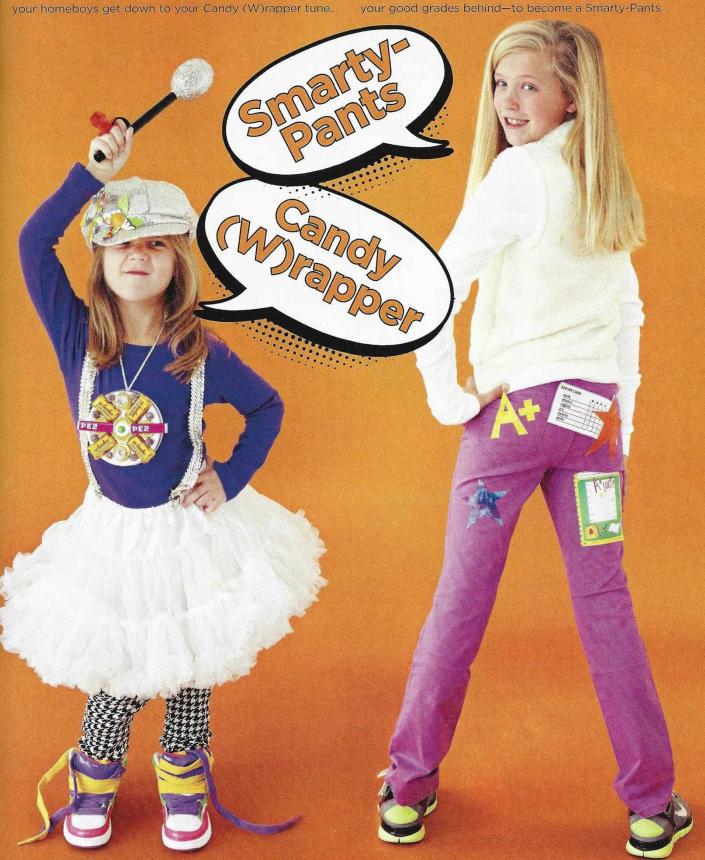


### **Musical Interpretation**

The coolest musician can hammer out any tune. Have you ever heard one rap about a sweet-tooth addiction? Pick your sugary poison, *below*, to display proudly and see if your homeboys get down to your Candy (W)rapper tune.

### **Higher Intelligence**

A chick with a sassy attitude doesn't always earn praise, but a straight-A student, *below,* is something to be proud of. And this time, it's actually OK to leave your good grades behind—to become a Smarty-Pants







### The Right Course

No one needs to know if you've never picked up a club, opposite left. Hype your talents on the golf course with this common expression subtly displayed in plain sight. At first glance, your friends will presume you simply dressed as a golfer, but will they take a swing at guessing you're actually a Hole in One?

### Sneaky and Sly

With you at this costume party, guests had better behave—one wrong move just might come back to haunt them. At first glance, you'll seem innocent enough, opposite right, perhaps portraying a delivery person. But before long, your shady characteristics will blow your Black Mail cover.

### Show Them the Money

If the coins were in a sack, he'd be "money bags." And if he were dressed in a bovine suit, "cash cow" would come to mind. But this quick and easy costume, above right, could keep partygoers racking their brains until you reveal your interpretation of Head Quarters.

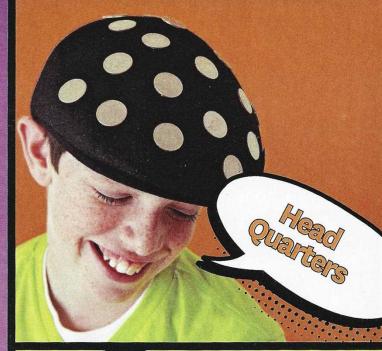
### Know-It-All

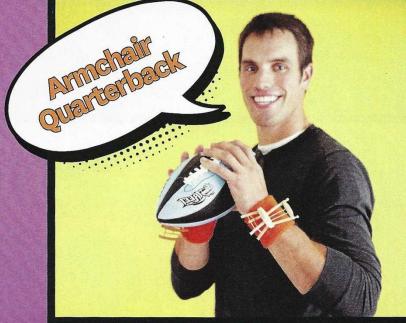
Everyone has an opinion. Ever known a backseat driver? Hate it when there are too many cooks in the kitchen? Your fellow sports fans can probably identify a few Armchair Quarterbacks, *middle right*, they've encountered this fall—but can they see the connection in your Halloween costume?

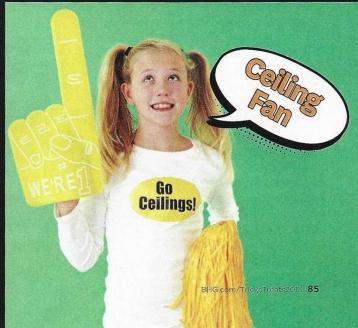
### Home Fanatic

We've got spirit, yes we do, we've got spirit, but do you have a clue? This rowdy getup, right, will have sports fans scouring their minds for every athletic pun in the playbook. Actually, understanding this clever costume creation for Ceiling Fan is as easy as reading her jersey.

For Sources, see page 120.







### instructions

### A Clever Eye-dea: Eye-Phone

### MATERIALS

Handset from old or toy phone or retro handset for a cell phone Googly eyes, various sizes

Glue dots

T-shirt

Safety pins or needle and thread

### INSTRUCTIONS

Using glue dots, secure googly eyes in various sizes and colors, as desired, to cover a telephone handset. Use safety pins or a needle and thread to secure sections of the cord to the front of the T-shirt.



### Celebrity Disguise: Pop Star

### MATERIALS

Cardstock glitter paper
Colored drinking straws
Hot-glue gun and glue sticks
Florist's foam
Popcorn box
Hole punch
Colored string

### INSTRUCTIONS

Draw stars in a variety of sizes on the back of glitter paper; cut out. Lay stars facedown on a flat surface. Using hot glue, place a dab of glue along one end of a straw and position the straw on the back of a star. Repeat to hot-glue each star to a straw. Let cool.

Cut florist's foam to fit into the bottom of a popcorn box. Press a straw into the foam to determine how high it sits above the box edge. Remove and cut the straw to desired length. Repeat to arrange all the stars inside the box at various heights. Punch a hole on each side of the box. Thread the ends of a length of string through the holes; knot to create a necklace.



### One-Buck Cup: Star Bucks

### MATERIALS

- Fishing line
- Two foam glitter star stickers
- Reindeer antler headband
- Brown T-shirt
- Faux-fur infinity scarf

### INSTRUCTIONS

Cut a 10-inch length of fishing line. The a knot at one end. Remove the backing from one star sticker and press to the fishing line knot, making sure the fishing line projects from the top of the star. Remove the backing from the second star, match up the star shapes, and stick together, sandwiching the fishing line between the two stars.

At the other end of the fishing line, tie a loop large enough to slide over

the headband.
Tighten the loop, shortening the line if needed; trim the excess line. Don a brown T-shirt and faux-fur infinity scarf to complete the buck look.



### Show Them the Money: Head Quarters

### MATERIALS

Sturdy hat
Roll of quarters
Hot-alue aun and alue sticks

### INSTRUCTIONS

Stuff the hat firmly with paper or set it on an overturned mixing bowl or other rounded surface to keep the center of the hat in place as you add the quarters. Hot-glue the quarters randomly to the hat; let cool.

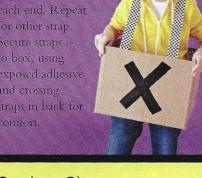
### Game On: X-Box

### MATERIALS

### INSTRUCTIONS

flat surface, sticky side up. Cut a piece

for other strap. to box, using straps in back for



### Such a Chore: Weed Eater

### MATERIALS

Plastic bowl Mixed lettuce greens and leafy herbs Serving fork

### INSTRUCTIONS

Fill a large plastic bowl with leafy greens and herbs. Carry the bowl and a serving fork



### Maybe Next Time: Rain Check

### MATERIALS

Check Mark pattern, from BHG.com/HTTCostumes Duct tape sheets, black

### Rain slicker

**INSTRUCTIONS** Print the Check Mark pattern. On the back of a duct tape sheet, trace around the reversed check mark; cut out. Cut wide from another duct tape sheet.

Lay the rain slicker on a flat surface. and secure to the slicker. Adhere the Complete the costume with other rain



### Sneaky and Sly: Black Mail

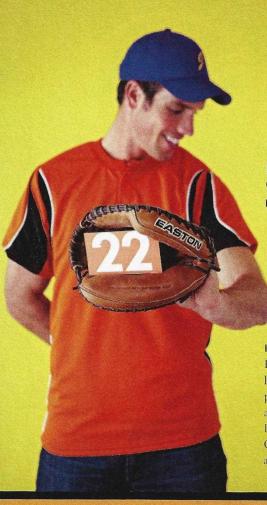
### MATERIALS



### INSTRUCTIONS

to look like the backs of envelopes.

On the back of each rectangle, secure a small sewing D ring with Add a mysterious note to the costume by providing dark sunglasses and a black messenger bag for the wearer.



### Delightful Dilemma: Catch-22

### MATERIALS

"22" design, from BHG.com/HTTCostumes 8½×11-inch adhesive label sheet Foam-core board Utility knife Baseball mitt Baseball attire

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Print the "22" design onto an adhesive label sheet. Cut out and adhere the printed label to foam-core board. Using a utility knife, trim around the design. Place the design inside the baseball mitt. Complete the costume with baseball attire, such as a baseball jersey and cap.

### Easy As a Sunday Drive: Traffic Jam

### MATERIALS

Quilted winter vest Miniature cars (look for party favor cars that are inexpensive and lightweight) Fruit jam jar lids Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

### INSTRUCTIONS

Lay a quilted winter vest on a flat surface. Arrange miniature cars and jar lids as desired, making sure the cars are bunched together and appear to be running into the lids. Secure each car and lid using hot glue. Let cool.

### Musical Interpretation: Candy (W)rapper

### MATERIALS

Large sturdy plastic lid, such as a peanut butter jar lid

Silver spray paint

Colored string

Assortment of candy

Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

Rock star clothing, such as a tulle skirt and leggings or baggy jeans, high tops, sparkly suspenders, and hat

### INSTRUCTIONS

Drill a small hole in the side of the lid to secure string for hanging around the neck. Spray-paint the lid silver; let dry.

Cut a length of string long enough to loop easily over the head. Thread the ends of the string through the hole in the lid and secure with a loose knot that can be adjusted later. Set the lid on a flat surface with the top up. Arrange candy on the lid as desired, being careful not to make the finished pendant too heavy. Hot-glue candy to the lid, starting with the bottom layers and working out. Let cool between layers.

Cut flower or star shapes from leftover candy boxes; hot-glue to hat. Embellish shapes with pieces of hard candy.

Complete the costume with rock star clothing and accessories. Adjust the string so the candy pendant rests comfortably on wearer.





### Know-It-All: Armchair Quarterback

Two miniature chairs, such as for a dollhouse Two wrist sweatbands Needle and thread to match sweatbands Football

### INSTRUCTIONS

Position a miniature chair on a wrist sweatband and secure in place by sewing around two spindles of the chair and through one side of the sweatband. Repeat for the other sweatband. Slide wristbands onto the partygoer's wrists and give him a football to carry.

### The Right Course: Hole in One

### MATERIALS

Hole-in-One design, from *BHG.com/HTTCostumes*Iron-on transfer paper for light fabric

- Green T-shirt
- Golf attire
- Golf club

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print the Hole-in-One design onto iron-on transfer paper. Use the design in reverse so it will be transferred in the right direction on the shirt. Using an iron and following the manufacturer's instructions, secure the design to the shirt. Let cool. Complete the costume by wearing golf attire and carrying a golf club.



# Cellinus!

### Home Fanatic: Ceiling Fan

### MATERIALS

Go Ceilings! design, from BHG.com/HTTCostumes Iron-on transfer paper for light fabric

White T-shirt

Foam finger

Pom-poms

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Print the Go Ceilings! design onto iron-on transfer paper. Use the design in reverse so it will be transferred in the right direction on the shirt. Using an iron and following the manufacturer's instructions, secure the design to the shirt. Let cool. Complete the costume with sports-fan props, such as a foam finger and pom-noms



### Higher Intelligence: Smarty-Pants

### MATERIALS

Colored jeans
8½×11-inch adhesive label sheets
Decorative duct tape sheets,
various colors and patterns
Smarty-Pants designs, from
BHG.com/HTTCostumes

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print the Worksheet and Report Card designs onto adhesive label sheets. Trim each design and set aside.

Draw stars and an A+ design on the backs of duct tape sheets in desired colors and patterns, making sure the designs are big enough to cut around. Cut out each design and set aside.

Lay jeans on a flat, smooth surface. Arrange the adhesive designs as desired; take a photo as a reminder. Adhere the designs to the jeans when your trick-or-treater is dressed for the night, using the photo as a reference.

### WHAT ARE YOU?

Go to BHG.com/HTTCostumes to get all the patterns and printables for these costumes.



### Flocks, Swarms, Hordes

Droves of fearsome figures flap, slink, and scuttle out of your nightmares to engulf entryways and landscapes. In a jiffy, we show you how to create the sinister silhouettes, frightening forms, and gruesome groupings from readily available materials.

PRODUCED BY **MOLLY SPAIN** WRITTEN BY **ANN WILSON**PHOTOGRAPHY BY **ADAM ALBRIGHT**PROJECT PATTERNS ARE ON *PAGE 95.* 





out the rats, sand, and paint them black. Screw vertically aligned U-brackets to the back of each rat. Prop up the rats by slipping each rat's U-brackets over a plant stake pushed into the ground.

label, page 95, to a clear bottle; squirt white glue inside and lay the bottle on its side to dry. Peel off the dried glue puddle. Arrange the puddle and bottle. Glue on plastic insects; scatter more.

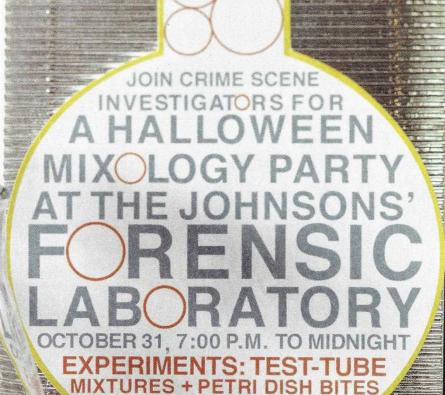






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+ FREAKY FORMULAS
621 HAMPTON RIDGE
WHITE LAB COAT
PROVIDED

### **Party Summons**

An inquiry is under way. Call friends to your party scene using our downloadable invitation, *this photo*, with motifs that reference a scientific setting.

Invite inquiring minds to assess the evidence at your crime lab party.

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PRODUCED BY **BRIDGET SANDQUIST** WRITTEN BY **ANN WILSON**RECIPES DEVELOPED BY **SHELLI MCCONNELL** PHOTOGRAPHY BY **JAY WILDE**PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS BEGIN ON *PAGE 105*.

It's elementary! After studying the evidence, we've concluded that almost everyone would love to play a crime scene investigator for an evening.

Through our own extensive scientific testing, we've devised an easily replicated party rendered in Halloween hues.

Our scientific methods encourage party guests to concoct cocktails, mix and match flavorful ingredients to make appetizers, and play with silly science experiments in a pretend laboratory that you can set up in a jiffy.

But ... first things first: Summon your party guests via intriguing invitations, *opposite*, that preview the night's investigative tasks.

Personalize lab coats using our downloadable logo, but also encourage guests to supplement the look with their own lab attire and accessories.



Establish Expertise

Craft "agent" badges, above and left, that identify your party scientists and their pretend job titles for the evening.

Set up your make-believe crime lab by moving in stainlesssteel tables and industrial carts to serve test-tube cocktails, a combine-it-yourself appetizer buffet, and playful experiments. Stock each table with treat-filled

petri dishes, measures, beakers, and flasks.

Further the premise by laying out eyedroppers, forceps, long-handle metal spoons, and other lab instruments to use as utensils or act as decorations.



Keep the agents on task by handing each party guest an easy-to-make clipboard buffet tray featuring petri dish food compartments and holes for gripping test-tube shots.

For serving, crown your liquor-filled flasks with labinspired tops crafted from corks, wooden circles, and dangling tags made using hardware store finds, *above*. And most important on your lab task list, use our downloads to create easy handcrafted labels to identify all the ingredients on your buffet.

Share the formulas for kicky cocktails and recipes for tasty appetizers using graphic labels and telltale signs created using our designs, shiny chrome paper, and cardstock. Post the drink and appetizer formulas on magnetic memo boards, and display fingerprint and flask images on simple stitched pillows. We provide the downloadable designs to make it easy.

After your team has sipped, supped, and surveyed the evidence, send them home with favors designed to remind them of their brief foray into forensic science.

Having honed your own observational skills, you'll quickly deduce success from the departing guests' smiles (scientific evidence!). Case closed.

Serve shots of color and flavor.
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### **Libation Station**

Employ dry-ice vapors to make it appear as if mad scientists have been tending the bar, *above*. To generate steamy waves, pour liquid soap into lab trays and hollowed-out pumpkins before dropping in pieces of dry ice (wear gloves to protect your hands).

### Surefire Formulas

Display the recipes for formulating cool-looking cocktails on a memo board, *above right*, repurposed from a picture frame and updated with orange paint, sheet metal, and magnets.

### **Potable Potions**

Supply tools of the trade, *right*. Stockpile test tubes in orange-painted test-tube racks, lay out eyedroppers, and watch guests mix their own potent party cocktails.













Hungry or not, folks will flock to this thoughtfully arranged serving station, *top*, just to experiment with your prominently exhibited appetizer formulas. Following the easy formulas, guest can fuse the elements into tasty novel noshes.

### **Appetizing Mixtures**

Stock the elements for yummy petri-dish bites, above right. Download our formulas for merging ingredients to create black-bean-topped crostini, filled phyllo cups, and other culinary combos that explore shrimp, dates, and squash.

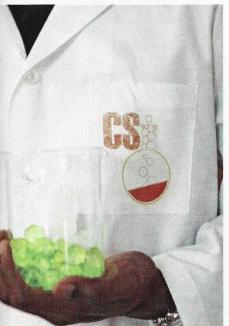
### In-Character Carriers

Outfit clipboards with petri dishes, test-tube-size holes, and napkin-rolled silverware, *above*, to create compartmentalized buffet trays that allow guests to tote their flavorful fare.









### Suspicious Behavior

Have team members exercise their critical-thinking talents by following our formulas for hands-on science projects, above. Guests will have a gas watching liquid soap froth under dry-ice activation or swatting the bubbles to generate vapor clouds.

### **Magical Transformation**

Our downloadable design transforms a plain lab coat into stylish party-theme attire, *left*. Direct the crew to mix fluids and solids to fashion jiggly jellylike orbs. Arrange transparent absorbent polymer pebbles, such as Jelly Marbles, alongside green-tinted water.



### **Reward Success**

At the end of the evening, acknowledge your guests' best scientific efforts with "Get the Goods" take-home party favors.

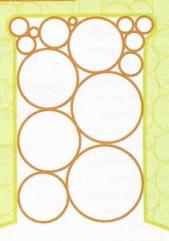
### **Favorable Results**

Vibrant candy crystals layered inside tiny beakers mesh with the evening's scientific theme. Top the containers with wooden lids bearing bubbly identifying labels.

\*For Sources, see page 120.



### instructions





### Investigative Summons: Invitation

### MATERIALS

Invitation design, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab White cardstock 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ×7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch silver

corrugated cardboard

Strathmore Chrome Paper,

silver

Spray adhesive

Orange cord or string

Fender washer

Heavy bendable silver wire

### INSTRUCTIONS

Note: One invitation version has editable text boxes to fill in party details using compatible software, or use only the flask outline and fill in handwritten details.

Print the invitation design onto white cardstock. If needed, write text on front. Cut out flask shape. Attach the white side of chrome paper to the back of the corrugated cardboard using spray adhesive; trim. Set the flask design faceup on the corrugated cardboard; use a utility knife to make a small slit ¼ inch from the top through the design and cardboard.

Tie a knot in one end of the orange cord, and thread the cord from back to front through the slit. Thread the fender washer onto the cord, and tie to a 2-inch strip of bendable wire; trim cord close to the knot holding the length of wire.



### Magical Transformations: Lab Coat Logos

### MATERIALS

CS Mixology logo, from

BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab
Ink-jet transfer paper
White lab coat with breast pocket

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print downloaded logo onto transfer paper and cut out. Following transfer paper manufacturer's instructions, use a hot iron to transfer logo to lab coat pocket. Peel off iron-on backing.

### Establish Expertise: Agent Badges

### MATERIALS:

Special Agent Badge design, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab Digital images of guests, optional White cardstock Strathmore Chrome Paper, silver Spray adhesive Looped fasteners Fender washers

Large beaded chain and connectors

### INSTRUCTIONS

Superglue

Insert a digital photo of each guest into the badge design before printing. Or adhere printed images to printed badges, then use a copier to make color copies of badges so the image appears to be part of badge.

Print badge designs onto white cardstock. Use spray adhesive to adhere to chrome paper. Cut out badges. Link a fastener to each washer. Adhere bottom third of washer onto each badge using superglue. Thread chain through fastener; attach connector to chain, and trim chain to desired length.

### FORMULAS FOR FUN

Go to *BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab* to get the patterns and printables for these projects.

### Appetizing Mixtures: Ingredient Tent Cards

MATERIALS

Square ingredient labels,

from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab

White cardstock

191/2×26-inch sheet of Strathmore

Chrome Paper, silver

Orange cardstock

Spray adhesive

INSTRUCTIONS

Print square ingredient labels on white cardstock. Cut apart in horizontal rows.

Adhere orange cardstock to the white side of the chrome paper using spray adhesive. Position rows of labels faceup on shiny side of chrome paper. Above each row, leave a 2½-inch space for backs of tented cards.

Mark cutting lines even with orange borders on bottom and sides of the labels; remove labels. Cut out chromepaper tents. Cut apart cardstock labels. Attach to tent fronts using spray adhesive. Lightly score a folding line above each label. Fold into a tent. CROSTINI +
BLACK BEANS
+ CARAMELIZED
ONIONS + BLUE CHEESE

CROSTINI + BUTTERNUT SQUASH + BACON + PARMESAN CHEESE

> SHRIMP + BACON + BUTTERNUT SQUASH

SHRIMP + BLACK BEANS + SALSA

DATE + BACON + BLUE CHEESE

DATE +
CARAMELIZED ONIONS
+ PARMESAN CHEESE

### In-Character Carriers: Buffet Tray

MATERIALS

Wooden clipboard

Petri dishes, bottoms only

(3 per tray)

Clear plastic 6-inch test tubes

(2-3 per tray)

Safaty googles

Work gloves

Power drill, 3-inch hole-saw bit,

and 5/8-inch drill bit

150-grit sandpaper

Monofilament line

Painter's tape

Gray spray primer

Orange enamel spray paint

Superglue

Nankin-wrapped silverware bundle

### INSTRUCTIONS

Determine the placement of the petri dishes and test tubes on the clipboard (see the picture, page 101, for guidance). Trace around the outlines

of the petri dishes and test tubes on the clipboard. Mark the center of each putline, and drill pilot holes at marks. Out the holes using the drill and holesaw bit. Set aside the 3-inch circles. Use drill and \sqrt{s}-inch bit to make holes for test tubes.

Lightly sand the clipboard. Place the petri dishes into openings to check fit; if holes are too small, remove dishes and gently sand to expand. Check the fit again and remove the dishes.

Use monofilament line to tie the clipboard clamp in the open position, and mask off clamp using painter's tape. Prime clipboard and 3-inch circles with gray spray primer; let dry. Spray-paint clipboard and circles orange; let dry.

Place the petri dishes in openings. If needed, secure dishes with superglue. Release clamp. Place a napkin-wrapped silverware bundle under each clamp.

PHYLLO CUP + SHRIMP + BLUE CHEESE

OR

PHYLLO CUP + BUTTERNUT SQUASH + BLACK BEANS + SALSA

PARMESAN CHEESE OR BLUE CHEESE + MEATBALL

BACON + CARAMELIZED ONIONS + MEATBALL

### Surefire Formulas: Food & Drink Recipe Labels

### MATERIALS

Test-Tube Shots, Petri Dish Bites, and circular food and drink formula labels, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab White cardstock
Orange cardstock
Spray adhesive
19½×26-inch sheet Strathmore Chrome Paper, silver
Magnetic clips

1/4-inch flat washers

### INSTRUCTIONS

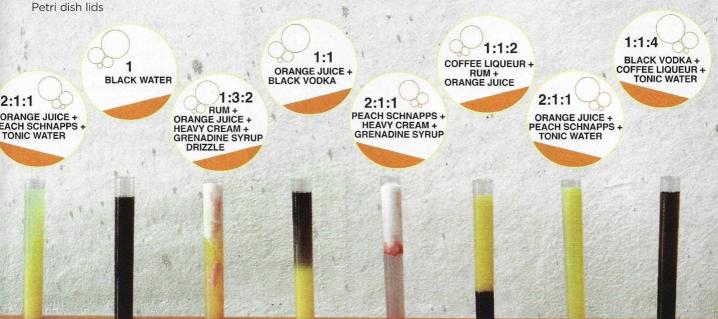
Print all downloaded labels onto white cardstock.

Cut two 3½-inch squares from chrome paper. Cut two 3½-inch squares from orange cardstock. Adhere an orange cardstock square to the white side of each chrome-paper square.

Cut out the square Test-Tube Shots and Petri Dish Bites labels; center labels on shiny side of chrome-paper squares; adhere using spray adhesive. Use a magnetic clip to attach each label to a recipe board.

Adhere the sheet of circular food and drink formula labels to the white side of a sheet of chrome paper using spray adhesive. Cut out circular labels. Adhere each label to the top of a petri dish lid with formula facing inside the lid; smooth out wrinkles.

To display, sandwich each mounted food or drink label between a washer on top and a magnet on a recipe board.



### **Test-Tube Shots**

Post the Test-Tube Shots drink recipe labels (from *BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab*) at the bar near the liquors and mixers. Following the proportions on the formula labels, *above*, guests can concoct tasty cocktails.

### Petri Dish Bites

Post the Petri Dish Bites recipe labels (from *BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab*) at the buffet table. Each label, *opposite*, shows two formulas for creating appetizers. Gather the necessary ingredients so guest can assemble at least 10 appetizers.

### Surefire Formulas: Food & Drink Recipe Board

### MATERIALS

12×18-inch black frame
6-inch easel
Enamel spray paint: orange
and silver
12×18-inch sheet metal panel
½-inch disc magnets

### INSTRUCTIONS

Remove glass from frame. Spray frame with orange paint and easel with silver paint; let dry. Spray on a second coat; let dry completely.

Carefully place a sheet metal panel into the frame, using the frame's clips to hold in place. Place recipe board on the easel. Use magnets to post recipes.



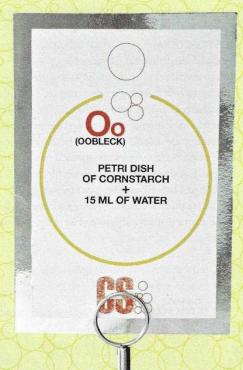
### Suspicious Behavior: Experiment Cards

### MATERIALS

Experiment formula cards, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab White cardstock 19½×26-inch sheet of Strathmore Chrome Paper, silver Spray adhesive Chrome-color photo stands

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print experiment formulas on white cardstock. Cut the printed cardstock into 4½×7-inch rectangles. Cut chrome paper into 5½×7¾-inch rectangles. Center the cardstock rectangles on the chrome-paper rectangles and adhere using spray adhesive. Insert cards in photo stands.



### Libation Station: Beaker & Favor Lids

### MATERIALS

Small circular ingredient and favor labels, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab

White cardstock

19½×26-inch sheet of Strathmore Chrome Paper, silver

Spray adhesive

Hole punch

Superglue

#10 flat washers

Looped fasteners

1/4-inch flat washers

Painted wooden circles (reserved from Buffet Tray project)

#212 screw eyes

Corks that fit beaker/flask openings 2.4-millimeter ball chain and

connectors

### **Experiment Methods**

Entertain guests with fun and easy science experiments. Always use gloves, goggles, and other appropriate safety equipment. Try these experiments: **Glowing Slime:** Before the party, mix 4 grams borax with 100 milliliters water for the clear solution.

At the party, blend polyvinyl alcohol, desired food coloring, and the clear borax solution.

**Oobleck:** Slowly add 1½ to 2 parts cornstarch to 1 part colored water. Mix to the desired consistency.

**Smoke Bubbles:** Add 500 milliliters of hot water to a graduated cylinder; add dish soap. Using protective gloves, add a piece of dry ice. Watch it bubble over the top of cylinder. Smack the bubbles between your hands.

Caution: The experiments shown here are regarded as low hazard but do comain an element of risk. They are intended for adults who should use proper safety equipment and follow proper procedures. Publisher expressly disclaims all liability for any occurrence that might arise as a result of the activities described.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Print downloaded circular ingredient labels on white cardstock. Use spray adhesive to adhere the labels to the white side of chrome paper. Cut out labels. Punch a hole at the top of each circle. Dab superglue onto a #10 flat washer, align the holes in the washer and a paper label, and press washer in place; let dry. Add a looped fastener. Repeat for each label.

Place a ¼-inch flat washer over the pilot hole in the center of a wooden circle; push screw eye through the washer and hole; tightly screw into the large end of a cork. Add a connector to the end of a 6-inch length of ball chain; thread the chain through the screw eye and label to connect all pieces.





## Proving Ground: Flask-Shape Pillow

#### MATERIALS

Flask and bubbles images, from BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab Ink-jet transfer paper ½ yard white cotton canvas ½ yard gray cotton canvas Yellow piping (2½-yard package) Sewing machine with zipper or piping foot Polyester fiberfill White thread

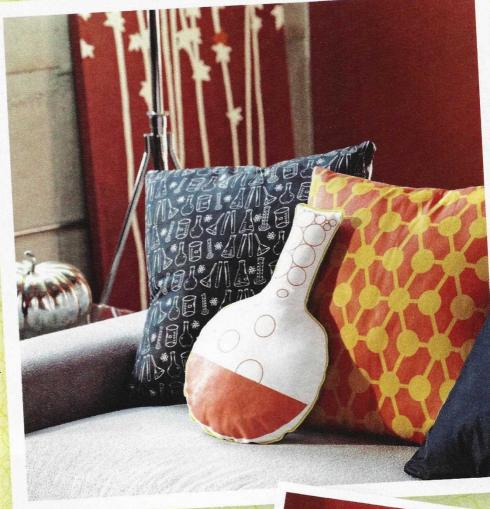
#### INSTRUCTIONS

Arrange the downloaded flask and bubbles images to mimic flask shape in the photo, *right*, enlarging as desired.

Print the image onto iron-on transfer paper. Following the manufacturer's instructions, iron the image panel onto a rectangle of white canvas that is ¼ inch larger than the image on all sides. Pin the white canvas right side up on gray canvas. Cut out flask shapes, allowing ¼ inch for the seam allowance. Set the gray panel aside.

Pin piping to the right side of the flask-shape white canvas, matching the raw edges. Clip piping seam allowance to turn curves if needed. Overlap the piping ends, pushing the tails into the seam allowance. Using a zipper or piping foot, sew close to the piping cord to secure piping.

With right sides together, pin the gray panel to the white panel. Stitch around the pillow cover, leaving a fist-size opening for turning. Clip the seam allowance at intervals so the cover holds its curves. Turn cover right side out, stuff with fiberfill, and sew the opening closed with a whipstitch.



## Proving Ground: Fingerprint Pillow

#### MATERIALS

Fingerprint image, from

BHG.com/HTTCrimeLab

Ink-jet transfer paper

½ yard white cotton canvas

Sewing machine and white thread

Polyester fiberfill

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Print the downloaded fingerprint image onto iron-on transfer paper. Cut two 9×16-inch rectangles from white cotton canvas. Following manufacturer's instructions, iron the fingerprint panel onto one rectangle; use the second rectangle for the pillow back. With right sides together, sew canvas panels together, leaving a fist-size opening for turning. Turn pillow cover right side out, stuff with fiberfill, and sew the opening closed with a whipstitch.





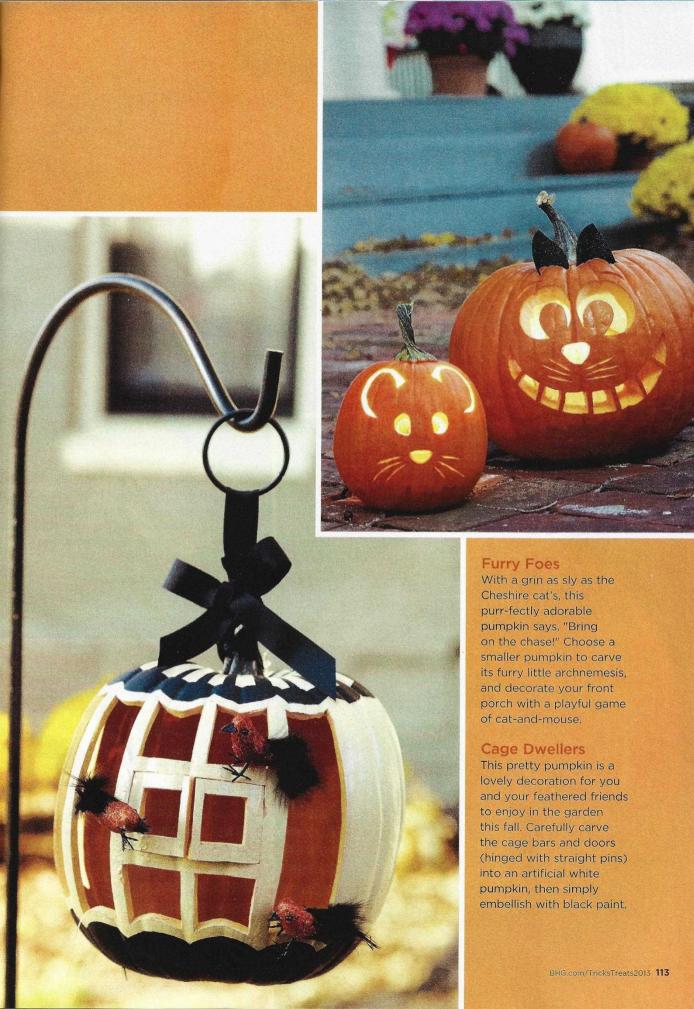
# Carved Creations

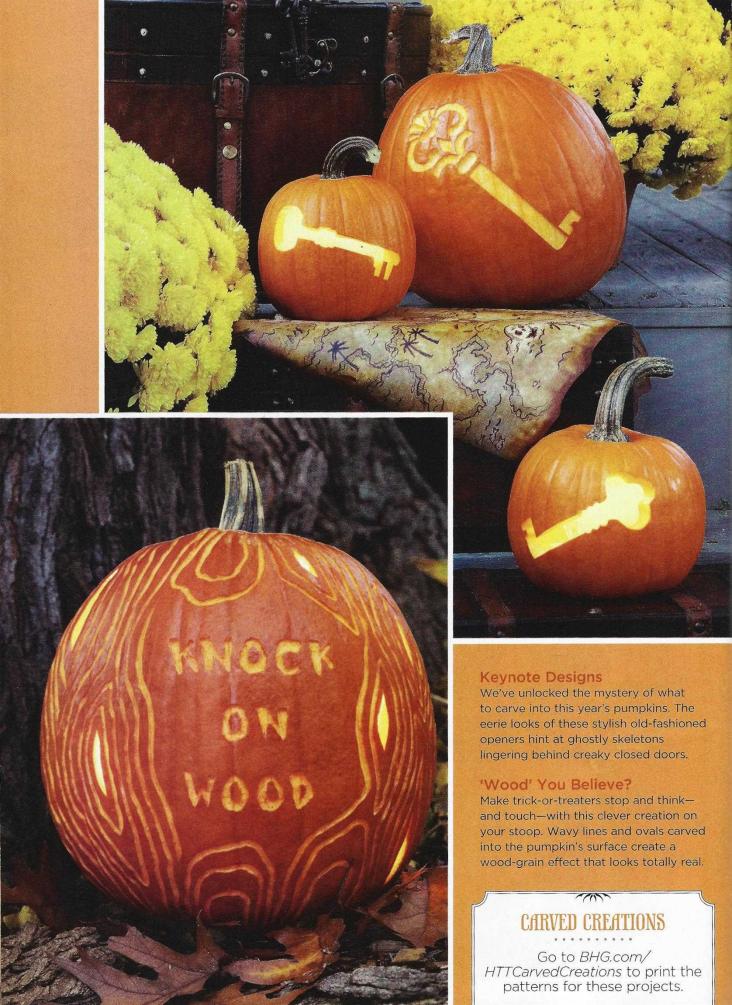
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View your pumpkins with an artist's eye. Carve distinctive character into this year's jack-o'-lanterns. Our designs, patterns, and instructions will turn your carving visions into memorable Halloween sculptures.









# Road Trip Pumpkins

#### **MATERIALS**

One round pumpkin, hollowed out
One tall oval pumpkin, hollowed out
Car and Camper patterns
Tracing tool or awl
Knife or carving tools
Wood gouging tool
Small gourds in various colors
(for wheels and detailing)
Toothpicks

#### INSTRUCTIONS

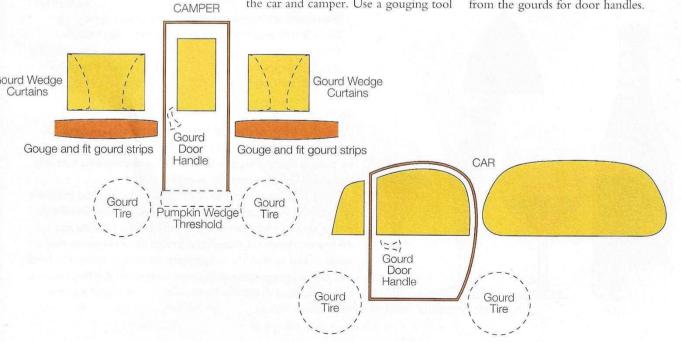
Note: When cleaning out the pumpkins, cut the openings on what will be the bottoms of the finished pumpkins. When your candles are in place, replace and secure the bottoms with toothpicks.

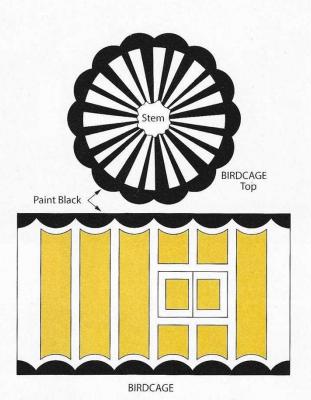
Copy the Car and Camper patterns to fit your pumpkins; tape in place.

Transfer the patterns to the pumpkins by poking holes along the lines of the patterns using a tracing tool or awl to puncture the pumpkin skin.

Use a knife or carving tools to cut out the windows and windshield for the car and camper. Use a gouging tool to outline the car and camper doors. Cut out a small rectangle under the camper door, and wedge in a scrap of pumpkin to work as the threshold.

Using the photo, *above*, as a guide, embellish the car and camper using pieces of gourds, securing the gourd pieces to the pumpkins with toothpicks. Carve out a horizontal stripe along the side of the camper and insert a long strip of gourd. Cut small gourds in half for wheels and attach with toothpicks. Cut small wedges of small gourds for curtains. Use stems from the gourds for door handles.





## Cage Dwellers Pumpkin

#### **MATERIALS**

White artificial pumpkin Birdcage patterns Tracing tool or awl Knife or carving tools Straight pins Black acrylic paint Artist's brush Wide black ribbon Metal ring Drill

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Note: Cut the opening on the back of the pumpkin; secure the lid with toothpicks after a candle is in place.

Copy the Birdcage patterns to fit your pumpkin; tape in place. Transfer the patterns to the pumpkin by poking holes along the lines of the patterns using a tracing tool or awl to puncture the pumpkin skin.

Use a knife or carving tools to cut out the areas between the cage bars, including the doors. Holding the carved doors in place, insert straight pins through the horizontal bar areas above and below the outside edges of the doors, pushing the pins into the doors. (This will enable the doors to open and close.)

Following the notes on the patterns, paint the designated pattern areas black; let dry.

Drill a hole horizontally through the stem. Pull the metal ring apart, and thread it through the hole in the stem. Press the ring back into its original shape. Thread ribbon through the metal ring and tie in a bow. Hang the pumpkin from ribbon if desired.



# A Toast to All Hallows' Eve Pumpkins

#### MATERIALS

Two black artificial pumpkins Wine Bottle and Wineglasses patterns Tracing tool or awl Wood gouging tool Knife or carving tools

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Copy the Wine Bottle and Wineglasses patterns to fit your pumpkins; tape in place. Transfer the patterns to the pumpkins by poking holes along the lines of the patterns using a tracing tool or awl to puncture the pumpkin skin.

Use a knife or carving tools to cut out the top and bottom areas of the wineglasses. Use a gouging tool to outline the center area of each glass and the wine bottle. Outline the decorative details on the glasses; gouge the areas inside the outlines and around the details until smooth. Outline the label and the bottle curlicues using a gouging tool; lightly gouge the rest of the area inside the bottle outline to make it smooth.



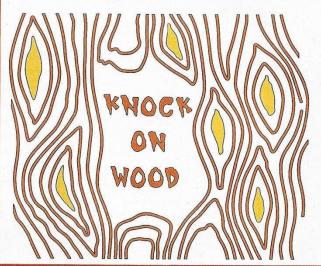
## 'Wood' You Believe? Pumpkin

#### **MATERIALS**

Large orange pumpkin, hollowed out "Knock on Wood" with wood-grain pattern Tracing tool or awl Wood gouging tool Knife or carving tools

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Copy the pattern to fit your pumpkin; tape in place. Transfer the pattern by poking holes along the lines of the pattern using a tracing tool or awl to puncture the pumpkin skin. Use a gouging tool to carve the words and wood grain. Use a knife or carving tools to cut out the knots.



# Furry Foes Pumpkins

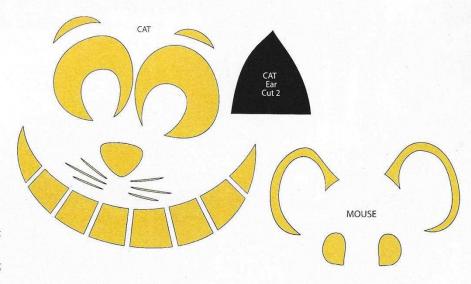
#### MATERIALS

Large orange pumpkin, hollowed out Small orange pumpkin, hollowed out Cat and Mouse patterns Tracing tool or awl Knife or carving tools Wood gouging tool Black felt Glue or straight pins

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Copy the Cat and Mouse patterns to fit your pumpkins; tape in place. Transfer the patterns to the pumpkins by poking holes along the lines of the patterns using a tracing tool or awl to puncture the pumpkin skin.

Use a knife or carving tools to cut out the features for each face. Use a



gouging tool to carve whiskers into each pumpkin's skin. Using the pattern, cut two cat ears from black felt. Glue or pin the ears above the cat's eyes.



# instructions Cover Pumpkins



### Celebrating the Chevron

#### **MATERIALS**

Ribbon Spray adhesive Self-adhesive gem strips.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Cut several lengths of ribbon, as shown on the pattern. The number of lengths is determined by the size of your pumpkin. Apply spray adhesive to the back sides of the ribbon lengths and press in place on your pumpkin. Press self-adhesive strips of gems above the chevron-shape ribbons.

# Nobody's Cuter

#### MATERIALS

Tracing paper Transfer paper Crafts glue Scrapbook paper Straight pins Crafts beads

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Cut 2

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Trace the patterns onto tracing paper and cut out. Using transfer paper, transfer the patterns onto scrapbook paper; cut out. Fold the eyebrows on the dotted line. Using crafts glue, adhere the eyebrows, nose, and feather shapes to the pumpkin. Attach the eyes using straight pins that have been threaded with crafts beads.

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# Dentist's Delight

#### **MATERIALS**

Tracing paper Transfer paper Crafts knife Gouge

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

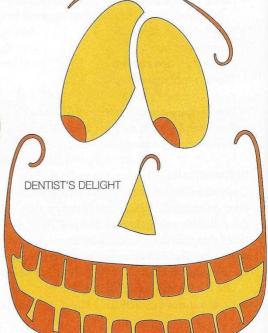
Enlarge the pattern on a copy machine to fit your pumpkin. Trace the patterns onto tracing paper and cut out. Tape the patterns to the pumpkin, and using transfer paper, transfer the patterns onto the pumpkin. Using a crafts knife, cut out the nose and eyes (but not the pupils). Use a gouge or crafts knife to cut the pupils, going just deep enough to reveal the inner rind.

Carve the mouth in the same manner, using a gouge or crafts knife to carve the mouth, carving just deep enough to reveal the inner rind. Using a pencil or crafts knife, draw the mouth opening on the gouged mouth area. Using a crafts knife, cut the mouth opening. Carefully carve the teeth using a crafts knife. Lastly, carve the eyebrows, nose curve, and

smile curls using

the crafts knife.







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Enlarge patterns to desired size.

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# Every Pillowcase Has a Story

As more readers join American Patchwork & Quilting\* magazine's 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge, the stories continue to pour in — stories of hope and comfort for sick kids, homeless families, and people who need to know someone cares. And each story is the result of someone like you, who uses her love of quilting or sewing to send caring messages to people in need.

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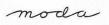
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A TRUE STORY Katie Dickert founded Pillows of Hope because she believed a colorful pillowcase could bring comfort to a hospitalized child. What she didn't count on was the impact the pillowcases would have on the adults who donate them. Mary, a widow of one year, says she found a renewed sense of self-worth while making pillowcases. "As Mary stood there with tears in her eyes, thanking me for giving her a purpose, I knew I had made a difference," Katie says.

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## **Posh Pumpkins**

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Designer: Suzonne Stirling; urbancomfort.com. Washi tape, circle punch, stencils—available at crafts stores. Glitter tape, chalkboard paint—michaels.com.

# Wickedly Welcoming Wreaths

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Creepy-Crawly Yarns designer: Melanie Janssen-Sully; whimsysworkshop.etsy.com. Cultured Cranium designer: Melissa Clark; thechicadeeshop.etsy.com. Sinister Spying Eyes designer: Andretta Ross; wreathinkgifting.com. Plasticfoam balls and wreath forms—Floracraft, available at crafts stores.

# Andrea's Halloween

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# Spooky Sophistication

Designer: Suzonne Stirling; urbancomfort.com. Black lace, fusible web (Therm O Web)—joann.com. Black spiderweb trim—mjtrim .com. Dresden spiderweb die cuts—blumchen.com. Crows, chalkboard paint—michaels.com. Insect templates—vintageprintables.com or graphicsfairy.blogspot.com.

### **Circus Treats**

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Circus animal cookies—Katie's Something Sweet Confections; katiesomethingsweet.etsy.com.
Envelopes, cardstock, stamps, glitter, gift bags—paper-source.com. Cupcake holder—horchow.com. Zigzag rug—urbanoutfitters.com. Ribbons—mayarts.com. Grayand-white fabrics, aqua zigzag fabric, blue solid fabric—Carousel Designs through babybedding.com.

Striped fabric—warmbiscuit.com.
Cake stands, paper straws, cupcake wrappers, berry baskets, twine, striped snack bags, nut cups, glassine envelopes—shopsweetlulu.com. Paper lanterns—lunabazaar.com. Lamination products—xyron.com. Orange oilcloth—oilcloth.com.
Prize-table toys—schylling.com.
Taffy—taffytown.com. Gum balls, string dolls—gumball.com. Candies—hammondscandies.com. Sunglasses, bubbles, orange tickets, ducks—orientaltrading.com.

# Halloween Chic

Designer: Lulu Tapp; dustylu .com. Kitchen remodeler—Geminii Services Inc., geminiiservicesinc.com. Velvet and sweater pumpkins, black-framed botanicals—abeautifulmessantiques.com. Front door wreath—whitefigdesigns.com. Botanical print embellishments—Bruce Abbot.

# What Are You?

Clothing—walmart.com, target.com, oldnavy.com, isotoner.com, landsend .com, and amazon.com. Tape, label and transfer sheets—staples.com. Miniature chairs—hobbylobby. com. Foam finger, pom-poms, popcorn box, wristbands—nobbiesparties.com. Handset for mobile phone—urbanoutfitters.com.

# Flocks, Swarms, Hordes pages 90-95

Bats, snakes, birds, bugs—spirithalloween.com.

# Formulas for Fun pages 96-109

Fabrics—spoonflower.com. Polyvinyl alcohol solution—available at automotive or marine supply stores.

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Pumpkins—funkins.com. Papers—gotmoxxie.com and americancrafts.com. Self-adhesive gems—Heidi Swapp Bling. Orange glitter ribbon—Available at crafts stores.



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